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Hi [REDACTED]

At our meetings on Thursday 8th May, we made reference to the Justice Strategy and the Justice Dashboard. As promised, this email provides further information on these, and related, documents.

1. **Justice Strategy**

The Strategy for Justice in Scotland, which was published on 13 September 2012, sets out our shared vision and outcomes for justice in Scotland. It describes our distinctive, outcomes-focused and evidence-based approach. It sets out key evidence and explains how it has informed the strategic priorities. It sets out each of the priority areas and the programmes and activities that are addressing them. It concludes by describing how the strategy will be monitored and taken forward by leaders across the justice system.

The **Strategy for Justice in Scotland** (full and summary documents) and the **evidence paper** which underpins the Justice Strategy can be accessed via the following web link: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/justicestrategy>

At its heart are the **Justice Outcomes**, demonstrating how Scotland's justice system is contributing to Scotland's National Outcomes and making a tangible difference to the lives of the people of Scotland. Progress in delivering these outcomes is overseen by the Justice Board.

The **Justice Board**, which includes Scottish Government Directors and the heads of partner justice organisations, monitors progress in the delivery of the Justice Strategy via the Justice Outcomes. The **Justice Analytical Group** has also been established to co-ordinate analysis and production of evidence that better informs justice in Scotland. The group has progressed a range of areas including data linkage and communication evidence. One particular area which the Scottish Government has responded to is the creation of a Justice Dashboard.

The **Justice Dashboard** has been developed to enable the effective monitoring of progress. It provides a strategic view of performance and delivery, and ensures accountability and a consistent approach to performance measurement across the Justice portfolio. The Justice Dashboard was developed in conjunction with the Justice Board and consists of a set of key indicators based around the justice outcomes. These show progress in the delivery of our work in justice and reflect the Scotland Performs approach to monitoring the delivery of National Outcomes using a series of National Indicators. Trend information is summarised in simple, colour-coded graphic form on the website and is consistent with the general methodological approach used by Scotland Performs to determine direction of travel.

The Dashboard (published in November 2013) will be kept up-to-date with the latest available data and will be reviewed on a regular basis. All data in the dashboard is already publicly available: the Dashboard rings this data together in a single, consistent way. The main audiences for the Justice Dashboard are those interested in Scotland's justice sector, including the public and the leaders and senior managers from across Scotland's justice sector. The Dashboard will support and enable better communication and understanding between individuals and organisations of statistical information to assess and demonstrate performance in delivering justice outcomes.

Three **indicators** derived from police recorded crime data are included within two of the Justice Outcomes, as follows:

Justice Outcome - *We experience low levels of crime* - includes 'Recorded crimes' and 'Recorded offences'

Justice Outcome - *Our institutions and processes are effective and efficient* - includes 'Crime clear up rate %'

The Justice Dashboard can be accessed via the following web link:

<http://scotland.gov.uk/About/Performance/scotPerforms/partnerstories/Justice-Dashboard>

2. Link to ScotStat agenda and paper which makes reference to the Justice Dashboard and Justice Analytical Group

Agenda items 9 and 10 of the most recent meeting (November 2013) of the Crime and Justice ScotStat Committee relate to the Justice Dashboard and the Justice Analytical Group, respectively. The agenda can be accessed via the following web link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/scotstatcrime/meetings/AgendaCJNov2013>

Paper (13) 3.3 which provides information on the Justice Dashboard was presented at the meeting on November 2013. This paper can be accessed via the following web link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/scotstatcrime/meetings/CJDashboard>

3. Building Safer Communities Programme

The Strategy for Justice in Scotland is being delivered through a series of programmes, one of which is the **Building Safer Communities programme**.

The Building Safer Communities (BSC) programme was established in 2009 to accelerate crime reduction in Scotland. The purpose, as agreed by the BSC programme board, is to build the evidence base, provide strategic challenge, reduce violence and increase community safety and resilience.

A link to the **Building Safer Communities website** is available here:
<http://www.buildingsafercommunities.co.uk/>

One of the related policies is **Reducing crime, particularly violent and serious organised crime.**

Information about the administration and management of the programmes is available here:
<http://sh45inta/Topics/Justice/justicestrategy/programmes>

Information about the Building Safer Communities programme is available here:
<http://sh45inta/Topics/Justice/justicestrategy/programmes/building-safer-communities>

Information about the policy on Reducing crime, particularly violent and serious organised crime is available here
<http://sh45inta/Topics/Justice/policies/reducing-crime>

4. Law Order & Public Safety Policies

The policies to deliver a safer Scotland can be accessed here:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/policies>

Included within these, is the following policy:

Reducing crime, particularly violent and serious organised crime - which can be accessed here:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/policies/reducing-crime>

and in particular, the **action to reduce violence and knife crime**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/policies/reducing-crime/reducing-violence>

which includes the **No Knives, Better Lives** scheme

5. Monthly Safer Communities and Justice Brief

The Monthly Safer Communities and Justice Brief contains an up to date summary of the most important statistics across the justice portfolio.

The monthly briefs can be accessed via the following web link:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Justicebrief>

As well as providing an overview of recorded crime, it also provides more detailed information on specific crimes such as recorded offensive weapons, recorded rape and attempted rape crimes as well as crime clear up rates.

In particular, the July 2013 brief included a monthly feature on **Recorded Crime In Scotland 2012-13** and the March 2013 brief included a feature on **Recorded crime re an alternative way of presenting data**.

The July 2013 brief can be accessed here
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0042/00428397.pdf>

and the March 2013 brief can be accessed here
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00416945.pdf>

For reference, the December 2013 brief included a monthly feature on the **Justice Dashboard**. This brief can be accessed here:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441047.pdf>

I trust this information is helpful but please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,


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