

Criminal Justice Inspection
Northern Ireland
a better justice system for all



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ORIGIN OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION

- Belfast Agreement of 1998
- Criminal Justice Review 2000 recommended creation of:

“a statute-based, independent Criminal Justice Inspectorate responsible for ensuring the inspection of all aspects of the CJS other than the courts, and for determining its own programme of inspections.”

- CJI was established under the Justice (NI) Act 2002. It constituted as a non-departmental public body in the person of the Chief Inspector; and
- In August 2003 the first Chief Inspector of CJI was appointed. Our new Chief Inspector is Dr Michael Maguire.



CJI INSPECTIONS

CJI inspections will examine the strengths and weaknesses of organisations with a view to identifying the scope for improvement, assisting them to become more efficient and effective and by ensuring that they are even-handed in all their policies and operations.

Two types of inspections:

- **Single Agency Inspections:**

concentrates on inspecting a subject in one particular agency e.g., Roads Policing, Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre, Belfast Harbour Police; and

- **Cross Cutting Thematics:**

concentrates on a particular theme running across various different agencies e.g., Avoidable Delay, Victims and Witnesses, Impact of Section 75.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM NORTHERN IRELAND

- The main aim and purpose of the NICJS is:
 - *“to support the administration of justice, to promote confidence in the criminal justice system and to contribute to the reduction of crime and the fear of crime”*
- The main Criminal Justice organisations are:
 - Police Service;
 - Court Service;
 - Probation Service;
 - Public Prosecution Service;
 - Prison Service; and
 - Youth Justice Agency.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPENDITURE 2007 - 08

PPS: 2.8%

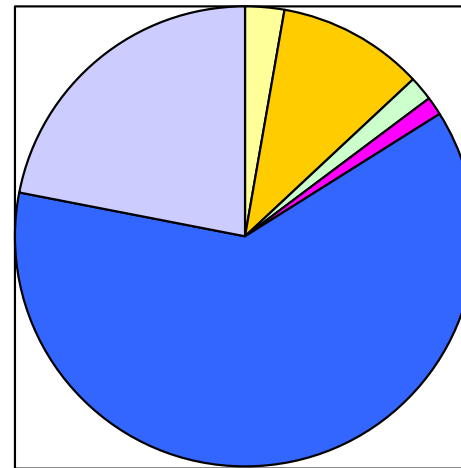
NIPS: 10.3%

YJA: 1.7%

PBNI: 1.2%

PSNI: 62%

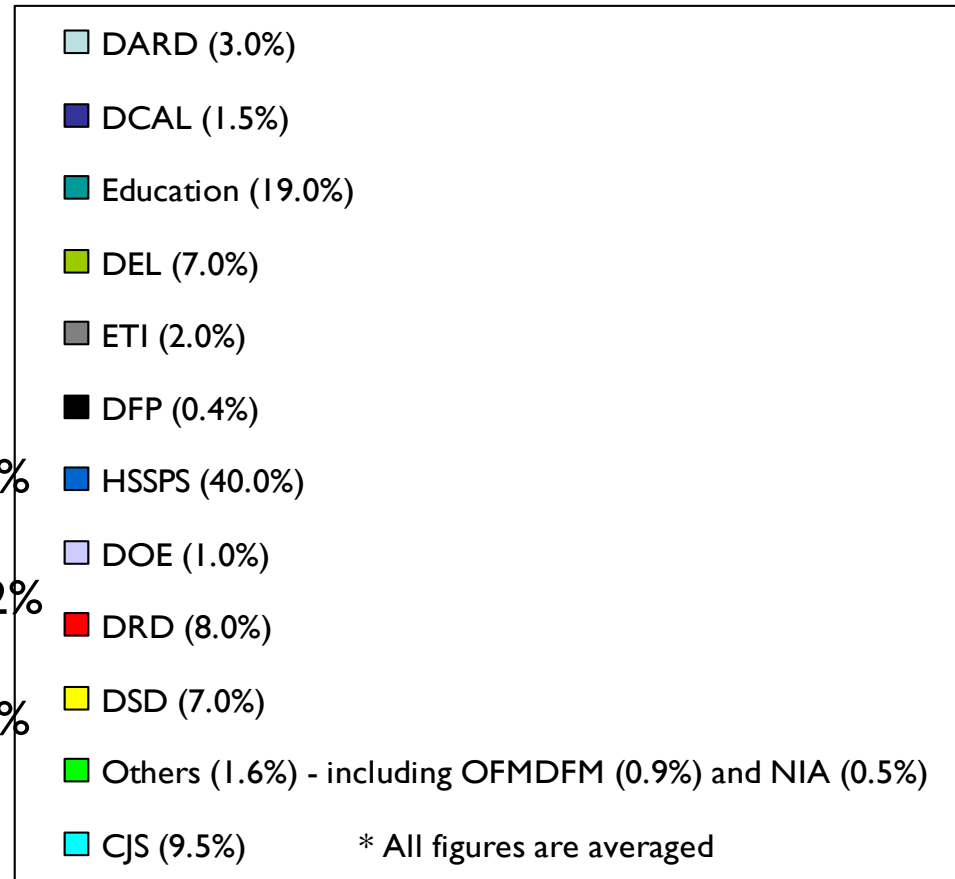
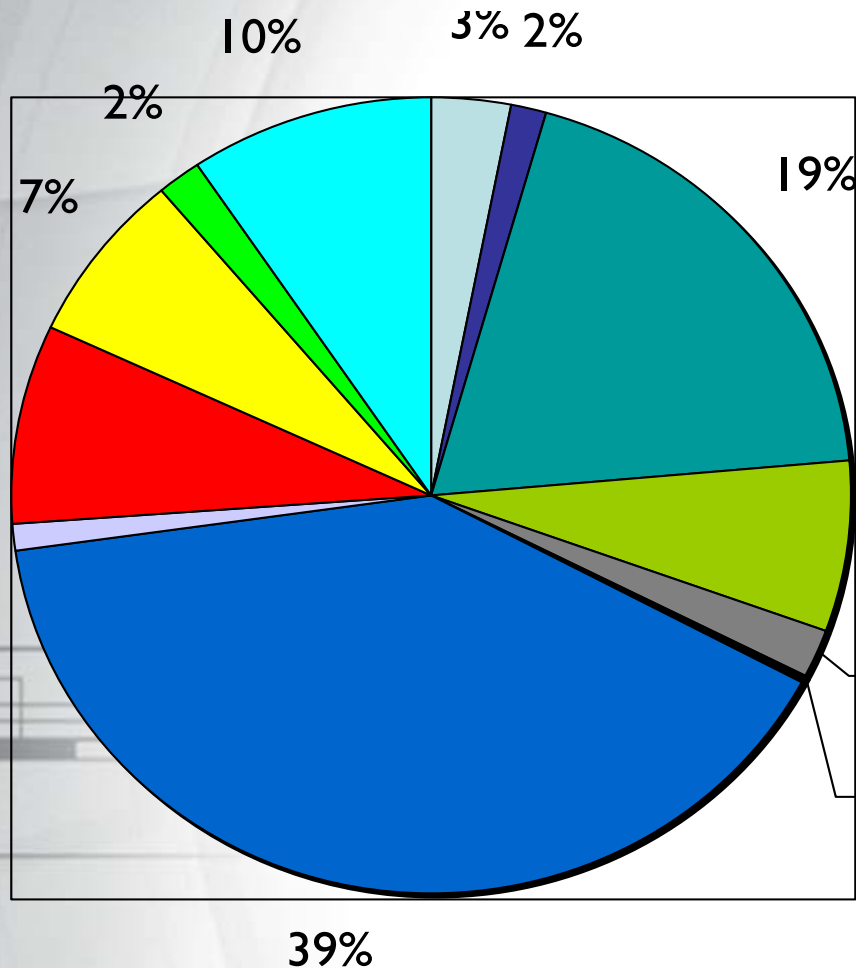
NIO Core: 22%



Total = £1.3 billion



DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE 2007 – 08



TOTAL BUDGET: £13 billion

MAIN FINDINGS

Reducing the silo effect - within the Criminal Justice System can produce real change;

Effective partnerships - increases efficiency and delivers better results;

Information sharing - means that the public receive a much better service;

Understanding each others role and responsibilities - avoids duplication and reduces the possibility of being lost in the system;

Sharing best practice – some organisations are doing this really well; and

Self-assessment – as a means of creating continuous improvement. Some of the better examples are outside the Criminal Justice System.



DEVOLUTION

- Minister of Justice;
- Assembly Committee;
- Increased accountability;
- Local priorities;
- Populist agenda, more punitive? and
- Scottish experience.



DELIVERING EFFICENCY

- Costs of Policing, Prisons, Courts;
- Over-staffing;
- Cultural Changes - security mindset;
- Equality agenda;
- Switching priorities; and
- Getting more value from the CJS.

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