

Criminal Justice Inspection
Northern Ireland
a better justice system for all



Presentation to Criminal Justice Issues Group

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Inspection Themes

- How are young people treated within the criminal justice system
- Have we got the balance right between public protection and re-offending
- How do we treat victims and witnesses
- How do we remove avoidable delays in the justice system
- Is the justice system efficient and effective in the delivery of services to the public



Inspection Types

- Practice Inspections
- Thematic Inspections across the CJS
- Review of Effectiveness & Efficiency within the CJS
- Thematic Inspections with devolved departments



2009-10 Inspection Programme

PSNI

- An inspection of PSNI District Training;
- An inspection of Customer Service within PSNI;
- An inspection of PSNI Public Protection Units;

NIPS

- An inspection of NIPS Corporate Governance;
- Inspection of Magilligan Prison;
- An inspection to assess how vulnerable prisoners are treated;



2009-10 Inspection Programme

PPS

- An inspection of PPS Corporate Governance;

Thematic Inspections

- A thematic inspection of court custody facilities and the transportation arrangements for prisoners;
- An inspection of the interface between the PSNI and PPS;
- A review of progress in delivering Causeway;
- A thematic inspection of Avoidable Delay;
- A thematic inspection of Youth Diversion;
- A thematic inspection of the Cost of Legal Fees across the CJS;
- A thematic inspection to assess how the CJS deals with Domestic Violence;



2009 – 10 Inspection Programme

Other

- An evaluation of the West Belfast Community Safety Forum;
- Unannounced inspections of the Juvenile Justice Centre,
- Unannounced inspections of Approved Premises; and
- Inspections of the Community-Based Restorative Justice schemes.



2010-11 and 2011-12 Inspection Programme

In the period 2010-2012 CJI currently proposes to conduct the following inspections:

PSNI

- An inspection of PSNI Operational Training;
- An inspection of PSNI Call Management arrangements;
- An inspection of PSNI workforce modernisation;
- An inspection of PSNI Specialist Training;
- An inspection on reducing police bureaucracy;
- An inspection of PSNI Corporate Governance;

NICtS

- An inspection of Legal Services Commission Corporate Governance;
- An inspection to assess the adequacy of the NICtS estate;
- An inspection of NICtS Corporate Governance;

2010-11 and 2011-12 Inspection Programme

PBNI

- An inspection of Probation Pre-Sentence Reports;

NIPS

- Unannounced inspections of prisons;

Parole Commissioners

- An inspection of Parole Commission Corporate Governance;



2010-11 and 2011-12 Inspection Programme

Thematic Inspections

- An inspection to evaluate the joint PBNi and YJA work with young offenders;
- A thematic inspection of how Victims and Witnesses are dealt with by the CJS;
- A thematic inspection to determine how best practice is shared across the CJS;
- A thematic inspection to determine how the CJS manages demographic change;
- A thematic inspection to assess Youth Offending Interventions;
- A thematic inspection to assess the Business Benefits delivered through Causeway;



2010-11 and 2011-12 Inspection Programme

Thematic Inspections continued

- A thematic inspection to assess the effectiveness of CJS Disposals;
- A thematic inspection of Securing Attendance at Court;
- A thematic inspection on Reducing Re-offending;
- A thematic inspection to assess Co-terminosity across the CJS and other public services.
- CJI will, in accordance with the inspection methodology, also be carrying out action plan reviews on reported inspections.



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