

Community confidence in justice is damaged when people who do the crime don't pay the fine.

CJI Chief Inspector Jacqui Durkin

A REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF CURRENT FINE DEFAULT STRATEGY AND SERVICES





'LEGACY' FINES
PRE-DATING THE
FINE COLLECTION
AND ENFORCEMENT
SERVICE STILL
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT MADE BY CJI

- 2 STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS
- 5 OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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£1.82M

IN UNPAID FINES & MONETARY PENALTIES RECOVERED BY THE FINE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICE IN 2020.

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FROM 1 JUNE 2018 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020



43,831

(63.2%)
DEFAULTED
AND WERE
REFERRED
TO THE FCS

AFTER REFERRAL TO THE FINE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICE (FCS):

15% of outstanding collection orders were paid following initial contact by the FCS;

12% had payment plans agreed;

38% were referred for benefit deduction; and

10% were referred for deductions to be made from earnings

*A COLLECTION ORDER MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE FINE.

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At November 2020 there were about **4,700** cases with fines valued at **£1.12m** requiring a legislative change before Universal Credit deductions could be considered.

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NICTS OUTSTANDING DEBT JANUARY 2021

