

# WHO CAN CJI INSPECT?

CJI’s statutory remit<sup>1</sup> requires it to carry out inspection of core criminal justice system organisations and other bodies that also have a regulatory, investigatory or prosecutorial role that engage with the criminal justice system. This includes:

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA)



Veterinary Enforcement Branch who undertake animal welfare enforcement within the Veterinary Service Animal Health Division and ensure high standards of animal health, welfare and food safety across Northern Ireland’s (NI)’s farms, ferry ports and food factories.

## DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY (DFE)



Northern Ireland Trading Standards Service within DfE’s Business and Employment Regulation Division who promote and maintain fair trading and consumer protection.



Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland who regulate and secure compliance with health and safety standards in the workplace.



Tourism Northern Ireland which certifies tourist accommodation meets a guaranteed minimum standard.

## DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DFC)



Benefit Security Division within DfC who detect and investigate benefit fraud and an error.



Child Maintenance Service within DfC’s Child Maintenance and Enforcement Division who arrange financial support for living costs for children between separated or separating parents who cannot agree their own arrangements.

<sup>1</sup> Please see s.46 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002, and s.45 of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007, as amended by Schedule 13 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 for further details.

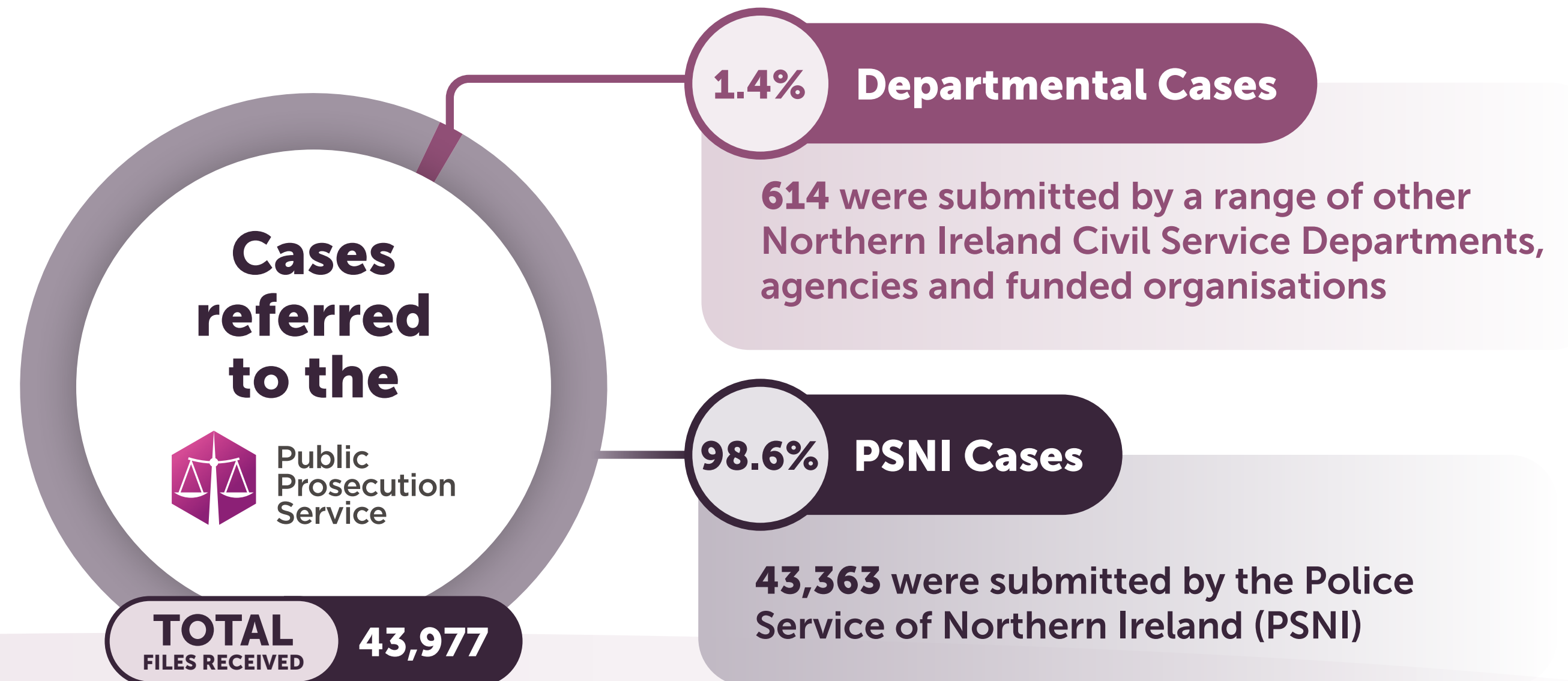
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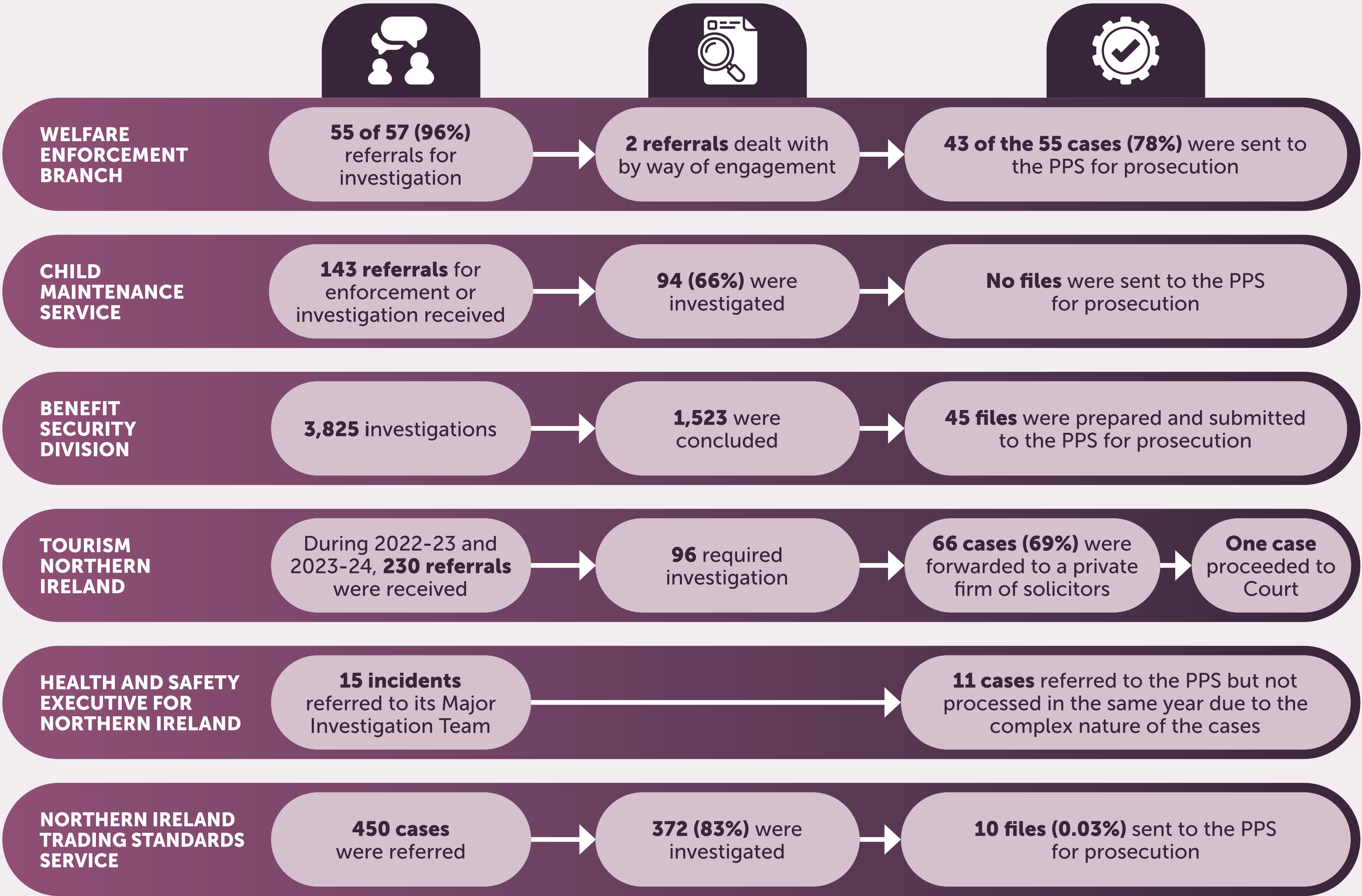


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## CASES REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (PPS) IN 2023-24



# 2023-24 REFERRALS, INVESTIGATION AND FILE SUBMISSION BY INSPECTED ORGANISATIONS





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## KEY INSPECTION FINDINGS



The quality of prosecution files complied by the bodies we inspected were generally good.



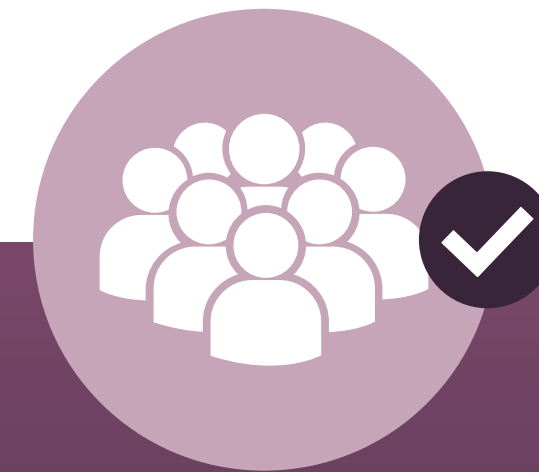
Better use of Information Technology (IT) and electronic files would reduce reliance on paper-based files.



Greater partnership and collaboration between the organisation would improve consistency in investigation standards and file quality.



There needs to be clearer differentiation between engagement and enforcement activity.



There were good examples of outcomes where action taken was helping secure community safety.



Better links between organisational strategy and direction and outcomes would benefit some organisations.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

