

Publication of supported and validated self-evaluation of community justice

The transition to the community justice model in Scotland is relatively new and there is a need to support partnerships to develop strong joint working to improve outcomes for people in their local communities.

In 2016, the Care Inspectorate worked with community justice partners to develop [A guide to self-evaluation for community justice in Scotland](#) to help partnerships review and assess their own work. Now we are visiting partnerships to support them in carrying out self-evaluation using the guide. The involvement of inspectors from our strategic justice team helps partnerships develop confidence and skills to assess the quality and impact of their work. Inspectors provide advice and guidance but also challenge to ensure that the process is robust and that the evidence gathered truly supports the conclusions reached. In this way, we can have confidence about the strengths identified which the partnership can build on, and the areas which need to be prioritised for improvement. Inspectors will validate the self-evaluation only when we are satisfied that the process has been robust and the conclusions are sound.

Adopting this approach encourages partnerships to take responsibility for their own continuous improvement.

At this stage of implementation of the community justice model, we have asked partnerships to focus their self-evaluation on three key areas: how partners plan together and collaborate to deliver their shared aims; how they manage their resources; and how well partnerships are led.

You can find more information [here](#).