

ROAR Fife Consultation

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721 respondents

If someone commits a crime, what options are available to the courts to deal with them?

% of all respondents

Imprisonment	94.9%	Community payback order	82.2%
Unpaid work	66.4%	Treatment for addiction	72.5%
Pay a fine	90.3%	Given a warning	68.1%
Electronic tagging	86.4%	Restorative justice	46.9%
Don't know	3.7%	Other	5.4%

How would you rate the importance of the objectives of the Scottish justice system listed?

% of all respondents who rated objectives

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
To prevent/stop crime	88.1%	8.4%	1.8%	0.6%	1.1%
Retribution	30.2%	37.6%	16.8%	9.0%	6.4%
Rehabilitation	63.4%	28.7%	3.8%	1.8%	2.4%
Protect the public	89.2%	7.6%	1.9%	0.6%	0.9%
Punishment	48.9%	39.6%	7.2%	2.8%	1.5%
Repair harm	53.9%	34.6%	6.0%	1.8%	3.7%
Keep communities safe	87.5%	8.9%	2.0%	0.7%	0.9%
Other - see Objectives tab	87.0%	8.7%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%

From which sources do you get information about the Scottish justice system?

% of all respondents

Police Scotland	42.9%	Scottish Government	35.8%
Solicitors	16.6%	Fife Council	26.9%
Television	63.4%	Newspapers	63.2%
Family / friends	29.8%	Local/national radio	40.5%
Website - see Sources tab	11.0%	Other	5.0%

Which sources do you trust to inform you about the Scottish justice system?

% of all respondents

Police Scotland	62.8%	Scottish Government	46.0%
Solicitors	26.2%	Fife Council	33.6%
Television	28.4%	Newspapers	31.9%
Family / friends	15.1%	Local/national radio	21.5%
Website - see Trusted tab	6.0%	Other	3.2%

Do you know what community justice is?

Yes	No	Not sure
43.0%	36.5%	18.3%

Are you aware of community justice in your area?

Yes	No	Not sure
42.4%	49.1%	7.2%

How did you become aware of community justice in your area?

% of respondents who were aware

Local newspapers	40.8%	Local websites	13.7%
Word of mouth	33.3%	Witnessed work taking place	43.1%
Signs or plaques where work has been done	24.8%	Social media	19.9%
I have completed some form of community justice	2.0%	I know someone who completed some form of community justice	18.6%
Community events	13.1%	Not sure	0.7%
Other	20.6%		

How effective do you think community justice is at each of the following

% of respondents who rated effectiveness

	Very effective	Fairly effective	Neither effective nor ineffective	Fairly ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know
Preventing crime	5.0%	29.7%	2.5%	16.0%	9.0%	37.7%
Retribution	2.2%	17.1%	22.8%	12.0%	10.0%	35.9%
Rehabilitation	5.3%	28.4%	15.6%	12.0%	6.6%	32.0%
Protecting the public	5.3%	22.1%	19.7%	13.3%	9.2%	30.4%
Punishment	5.6%	18.2%	19.3%	13.1%	13.2%	30.6%
Repairing harm	5.0%	22.3%	18.3%	11.0%	11.2%	32.3%
Keeping communities safe	5.6%	23.0%	19.4%	9.9%	10.7%	31.5%

How effective do you think prison is at each of the following

% of respondents who rated effectiveness

	Very effective	Fairly effective	Neither effective nor ineffective	Fairly ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know
Preventing crime	14.0%	32.4%	19.4%	21.4%	7.9%	4.9%
Retribution	7.7%	29.5%	25.3%	16.7%	8.0%	12.7%
Rehabilitation	3.3%	18.0%	27.6%	28.7%	13.7%	8.8%
Protecting the public	32.6%	36.8%	12.8%	8.9%	3.9%	5.0%
Punishment	21.2%	36.1%	20.0%	10.4%	7.0%	5.3%
Repairing harm	4.8%	14.7%	26.2%	22.6%	21.1%	10.6%
Keeping communities safe	28.8%	33.4%	16.7%	10.2%	5.6%	5.3%

Have you heard of the term "Smart Justice"?

Yes	No	Not sure
6.7%	81.4%	8.2%

Where did you see/hear the term "Smart Justice"?

% of respondents who HAD HEARD OF Smart Justice

Local newspaper	27.1%	Television	25.0%	Social media	31.3%
National newspaper	39.6%	Radio	20.8%	Don't know	10.4%
Family / friends	14.6%	Website(s)	18.8%	Other	4.2%

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

% of respondents who answered each statement

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	Don't know
The death penalty should be introduced for crimes of murder	25.9%	22.2%	8.4%	8.1%	33.1%	2.3%
Prison sentences for criminals are too lenient nowadays and need to be strengthened	47.7%	24.0%	11.7%	8.3%	6.6%	1.7%
Too many people get away with things they shouldn't nowadays by appealing to human rights legislation	46.1%	26.3%	10.7%	5.9%	7.4%	3.5%
Prison is the most effective deterrent to crime	18.3%	20.0%	21.7%	21.4%	15.9%	2.7%
Community justice is an effective alternative to imprisonment	8.7%	31.1%	22.9%	8.6%	9.3%	19.3%
The UK does not need tighter controls on immigration	18.4%	17.0%	12.3%	16.3%	33.1%	2.9%
Justice should be about offenders repaying their debt to society	53.7%	33.5%	7.3%	3.6%	1.1%	0.9%
Justice should be about offenders rebuilding their lives	33.0%	36.8%	17.9%	5.3%	5.7%	1.3%
Scotland currently operates a smart justice system	2.0%	9.6%	24.3%	8.1%	11.9%	44.1%

Respondent Information

All percentages calculated on total number of respondents (721)

Thinking about the justice system in Scotland, in the last 2 years have you - or someone in your household - been:

A victim	10.8%	An offender	0.6%
Both victim and offender	0.7%	Neither victim nor offender	81.0%

Are you a member of Fife People's Panel?

Yes	65.3%	No	30.7%
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Gender

Female	Male	Other
53.3%	42.9%	0.1%

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes	No
19.1%	74.8%

Location

City of Dunfermline	14.4%	Levenmouth	10.0%
Cowdenbeath	8.5%	North East Fife	18.4%
Glenrothes	12.5%	South West Fife	13.9%
Kirkcaldy	16.8%	Not stated	5.5%

Ethnicity

White Scottish	76.3%	Other white British	13.6%
Other White background	4.4%	African	0.0%
Asian / Asian British	0.0%	Caribbean / Black	0.0%
Mixed / multiple ethnic background	0.4%	Mixed / multiple ethnic background	0.6%

Age

Under 16	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
0.0%	1.0%	2.8%	9.3%	14.6%	20.0%	27.2%	21.5%

Children under 18 in your home

1	2	3	4	5
6.0%	5.5%	0.8%	0.1%	0.1%