

# Criminal Justice Disability Project Final Report – Executive Summary Easy Read Version

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## Criminal Justice Disability Project Members



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The Scottish Justice Sector wanted to find out about the problems people with a disability face when dealing with the Scottish ***criminal justice system***.



If we break the law or are involved in a crime then we become part of the ***criminal justice system***. This is a term used to mean the police, courts, prison and probation.



A group was put together called the **Criminal Justice Disability Project** known as CJD<sup>P</sup> for short.



The CJD<sup>P</sup> looked at some important reports about the criminal justice system for people with a disability and the problems they have. These reports were:



**The Justice Disability Steering Group Report** by Capability Scotland which looked at how disabled people could be involved in making sure the criminal justice system was better for all.



**Hidden in Plain Sight and Out in the Open**, two reports by the Equality and Human Rights Commission which looked at the bad treatment and bullying of people with a disability that takes place.



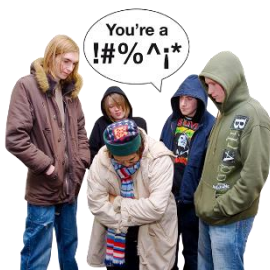


As a result of this work, the CJDP has put lots of extra support in place for people with a disability in the criminal justice system.

**These are some of the extra support the CJDP has put in place:**



We have had a **publicity campaign** that lets people know about disability **hate crime**, why it is wrong and what happens to people who commit a hate crime.



A **disability hate crime** is a crime that happens to a person because they have a disability – some examples of this are hitting or threatening someone, stealing money or things from a person or online bullying.



A **publicity campaign** lets people know about something using television and radio adverts, posters and leaflets or information online.



We have created more places where people can report a disability hate crime if they don't feel comfortable going to a police station – these are called **3rd Party Reporting Centres** and are in places like libraries or community centres.



We will look at all our criminal justice buildings to see if they are easy for people with a disability to use. We plan to make these buildings suitable for everyone.



We have information on posters, leaflets and online that let people know about the extra support that criminal justice organisations have available to people with a disability to help them use our services.



We have given training and support to criminal justice system staff working with people who have a disability to make sure they are being treated in a good and fair way.



We are making sure information the criminal justice system gives to people is available in a way that is best for them such as Easy Read, large print or on a DVD with sign language.



We have put new or made better hearing loop systems into many of our buildings. This is useful for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.



We will make sure people with hearing difficulties who use sign language to communicate will still have use of their hands to sign when **arrested** unless handcuffs are needed to keep people safe.



Being **arrested** is when the police take someone to a police station to ask them questions because they think they have committed a crime.



We have made it easier for people with a learning disability to make a **complaint** by having information given in Easy Read.



A **complaint** is when you let us know that you are unhappy about something, such as how you have been treated or if you have had a bad service.



To make sure we continue to make our services better we have put together a Disability Advisory Group made up of members of organisations that speak up for disabled people.



We will keep working to make things better in the criminal justice system for people with a disability and you can contact if you want to ask us any questions about this.



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