

## **ACTION PLAN ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CJINI REPORT**

### **Thematic Inspection of the Criminal Justice System's approach to vulnerable older people**

**PPS (27 June 2023)**

## **Key Recommendations - Strategic and Operational**

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SR 1	Para 3.29	Inspectors recommend that, within twelve months of the publication of this report, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, in conjunction with the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland, should develop and implement an action plan to better enable vulnerable older victims of crime to give their best evidence and enable the effective progression and acceleration of cases, where appropriate.	PSNI / PPS	Y	PPS and PSNI will conduct a joint review of existing arrangements, with a view to the development and implementation of an agreed action plan to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better enable vulnerable older victims of crime to give their best evidence; and</li> <li>• enable the effective progression and acceleration of cases, where appropriate.</li> </ul>	Establishment of joint task and finish group – August 2023  Agreement of joint action plan – January 2024	
OR 3	Para 4.2	As policies are due for review, the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland should continue to work with the Commissioner for Older People to better reflect the needs of older people in its policies, particularly the Victim and Witness Policy, and associated internal guidance for prosecutors. This should include defining what is meant by an older person.	PPS	Y	Where relevant, PPS will consider the needs of older people in any new or revised public-facing policy statements, commencing with the Service's Policy for Prosecuting Domestic Abuse and Victim and Witness Policy – as well as in any internal guidance.	Ongoing	
OR 4	Para 4.5	Within three months of the publication of this report, the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland should include age as a criteria in its quality assurance processes for cases involving domestic abuse or a	PPS	Y	Where it is practical to do so, PPS will ensure that any planned or ad hoc quality assurance exercises in the area of domestic abuse	Ongoing	

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		domestically motivated crime. The outcomes of this should be monitored to identify and address any areas for improvement.			include a proportion of older people in the agreed sample.		