

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IRELAND AND ITS ACCREDITED SCHEMES

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What does Community Restorative Justice Ireland (CRJI) and its accredited schemes do?



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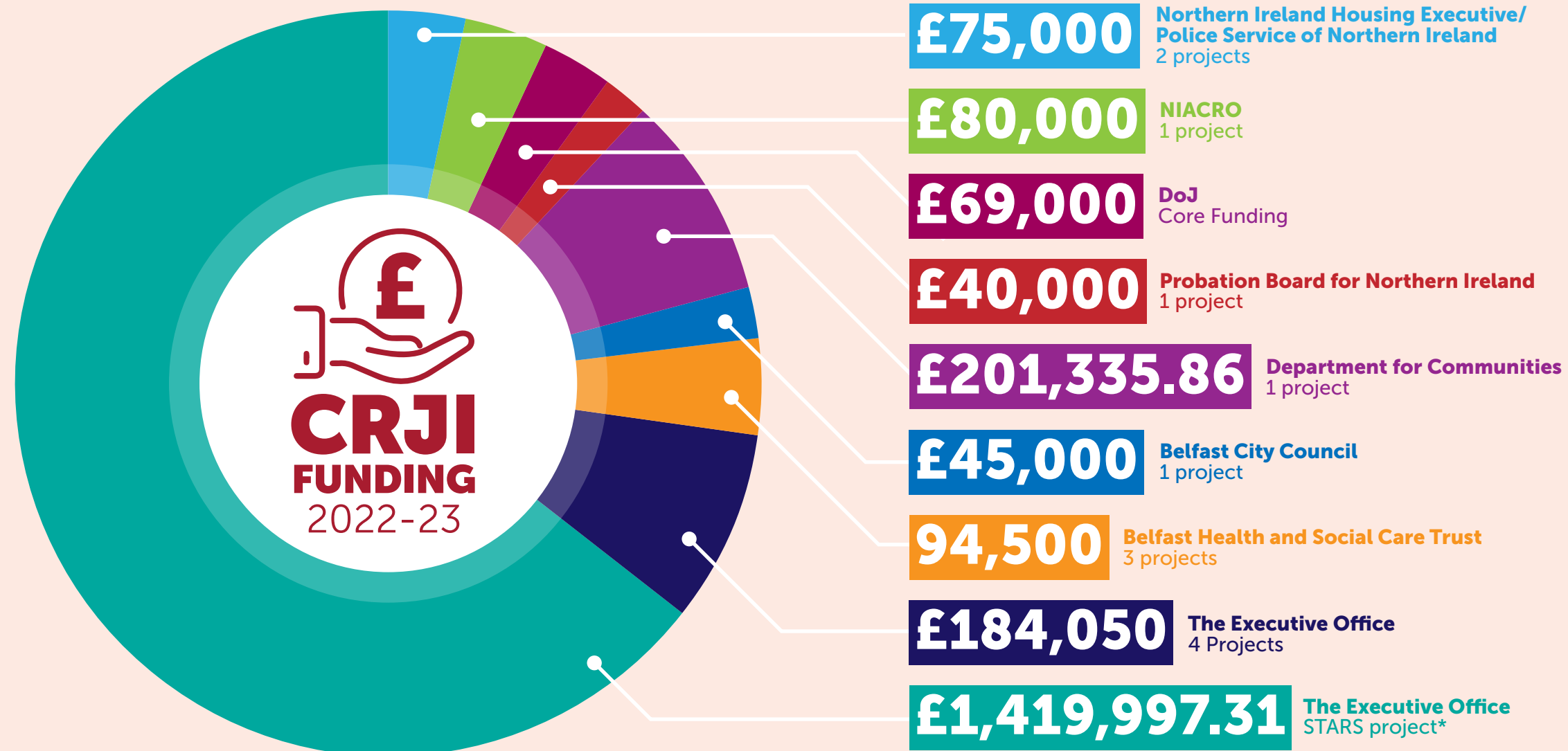


ISSUES REFERRED TO CRJI AND ITS ACCREDITED SCHEMES



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A more detailed breakdown of funding and its allocation can be found at Table 1 in CJi's Inspection Report.

*50% of funding received was re-allocated to Northern Ireland Alternatives.

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FINDINGS

- A** Ineffective CRJI-Department of Justice relationship.
- B** Police Service and CRJI had positive working relationship, but no formal policy hindered effectiveness.
- C** Effective communication needed between CRJI and Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI).
- D** Schemes complied well with the 2007 Community-based Restorative Justice Protocol, but minor improvements are suggested.
- E** CRJI Schemes provided unique valuable work to community.

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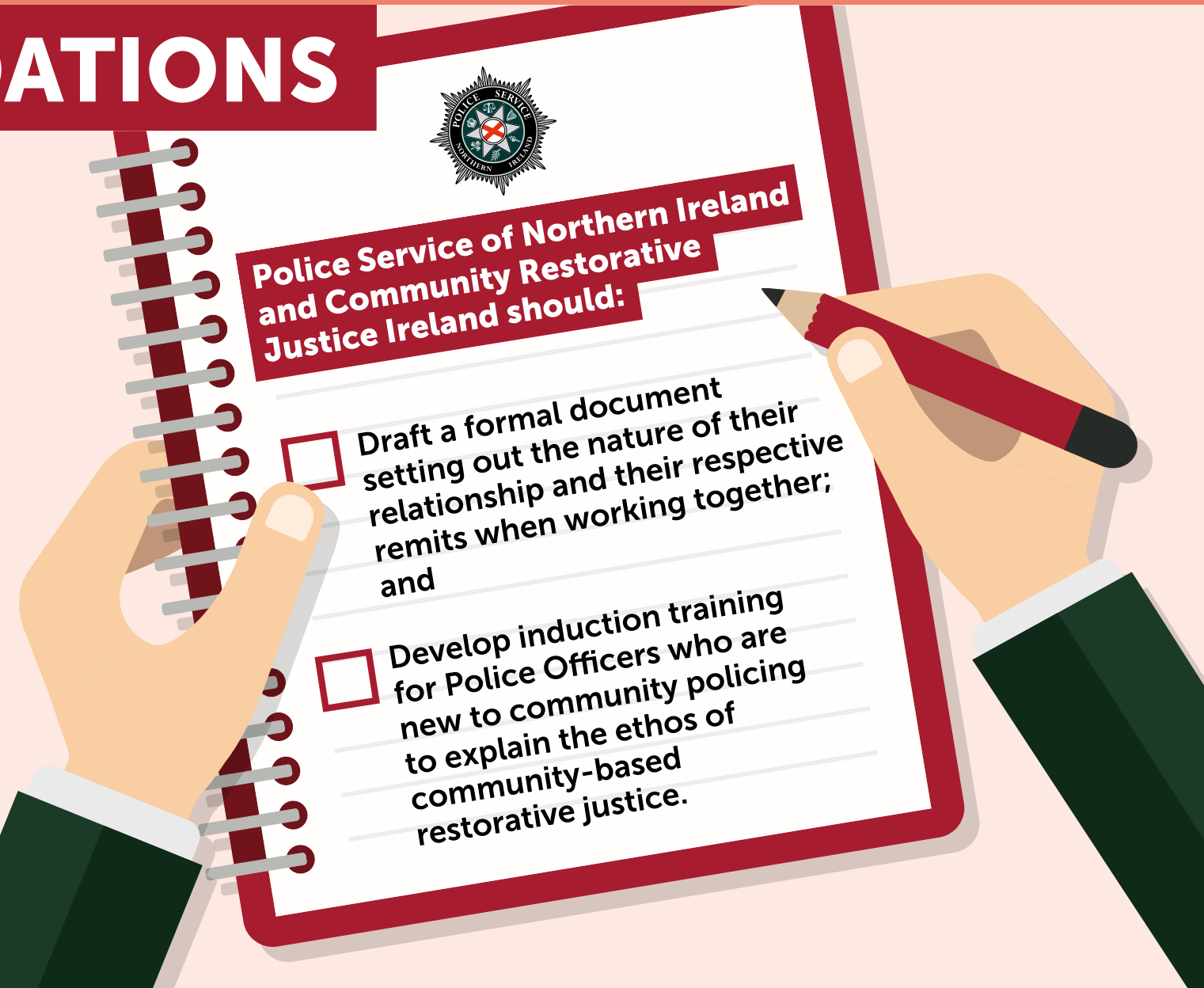


STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS



Department of Justice should:

- i. carry out a risk assessment to determine the appropriate level of oversight required over CRJI;
- ii. amend the Memorandum of Conditions for Community Restorative Justice Ireland to reflect the necessary frequency of monitoring meetings for the duration of the yearly contract; and
- iii. review the reporting structure for quarterly reports from CRJI so the vital information is contained within the report.



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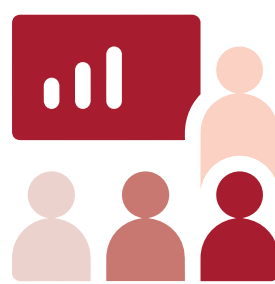
OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS



The Police Service should ensure that community-based restorative justice is recorded on criminal records as a diversionary disposal.



CRJI should commence the tender process for an external auditor.



CJRI should develop and implement an anti-fraud policy and provide training to staff and volunteers on it.



CRJI and the Probation Board for Northern Ireland should identify the appropriate parties within each organisation and schedule regular meetings so that expectations are clearly defined and understood.



The Police Service should remind all Police Officers of their obligation to complete the referral form when referring cases to community-based restorative justice schemes.



The Police Service should develop a system to record referrals from community-based restorative justice schemes to enable feedback to the Schemes as to whether the person reported to police.

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REFERRALS INTO THE SCHEMES AND OUT OF THE SCHEMES DURING 2022

