

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

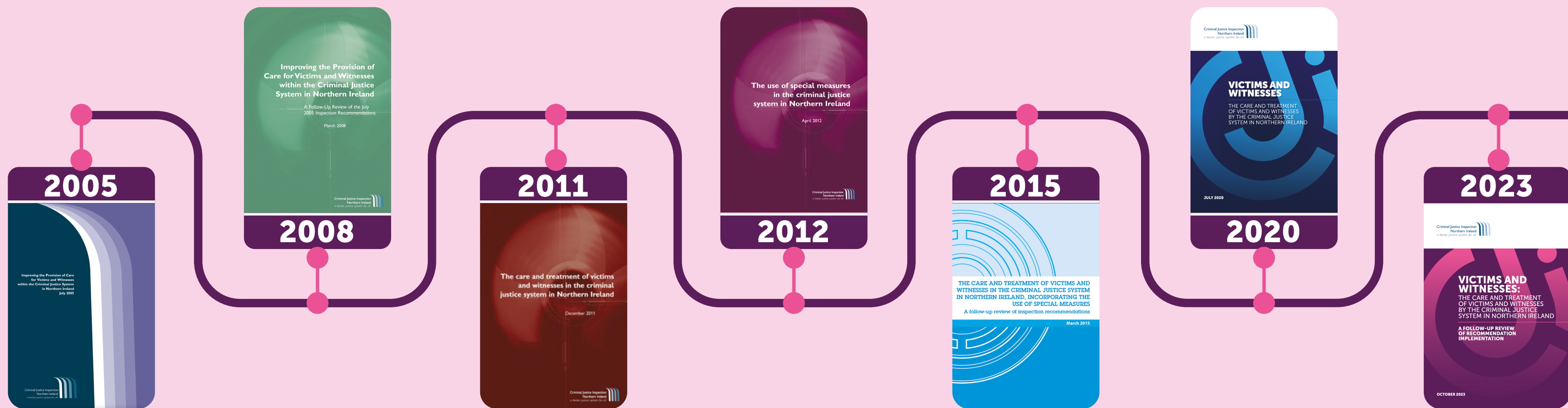
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BACKGROUND TO THE FOLLOW-UP REVIEW



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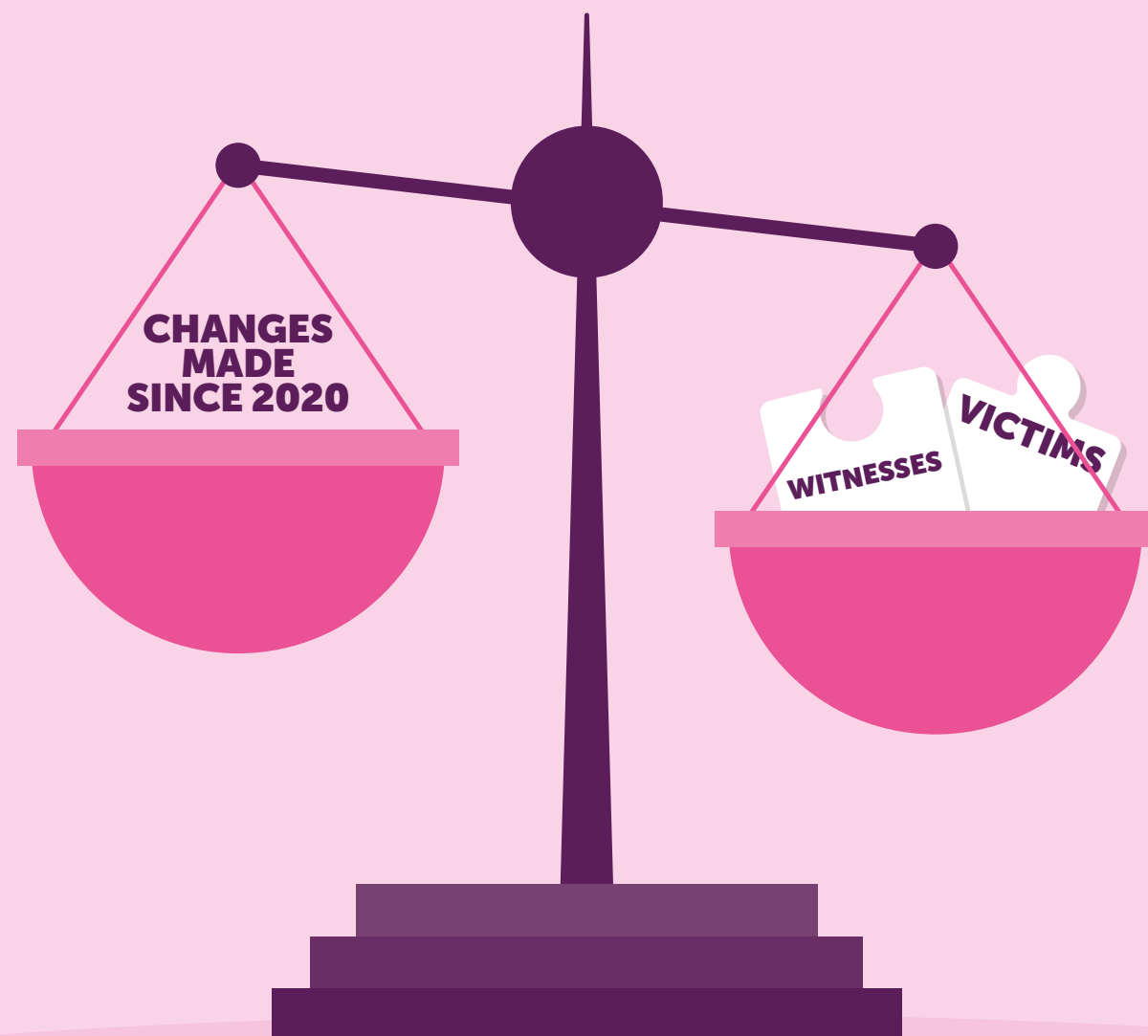
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CHANGES SINCE THE 2020 INSPECTION



- 1** Appointment of a Commissioner Designate for Victims of Crime for Northern Ireland
- 2** Proposed changes to victims' legislation in other jurisdictions 2023
- 3** Evaluation of the 2021-29 European Union Directive
- 4** Victims and Witnesses Strategy 2021-24
- 5** Victim journey research
- 6** CJI Inspections
- 7** New Remote Evidence Centre

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Robbery, theft (including burglary) and criminal damage:



- The majority of the victims were aged 65 and above.

37%
Robbery,
theft
(including
burglary)
and criminal
damage

13%
Other
crimes

RECORDED CRIME DATA FOR 2021-22*

50%
Violence
against
the person
and sexual
offences

Violence against the person and sexual offences:



- These offences reached the highest recorded level since 1998-99.
- The majority of victims who were under 18 were victims of these types of offences.
- The proportion of under 18 male victims of sexual offences had risen.

13%
of victims
were under 18
and 6% were
over 65

** Police Service, NISRA, Trends in the Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland 1998/99-2021/22, December 2022.*

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AREAS AND DATA FROM THE SURVEYS PUBLISHED IN 2019-20 AND 2022-23*:

* Victim and Witness Experience of the Northern Ireland Criminal Justice System: Key Findings - 2019-20 and 2022-23

Less witnesses said that they were satisfied with the information given about the criminal justice system

2019-20

81%

2022-23

73%

Fewer victims said they had been kept informed about the progress of their case

2019-20

55%

2022-23

52%

Less witnesses were satisfied with how they had been treated by staff in the criminal justice system

2019-20

92%

2022-23

85%

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PROGRESS AGAINST RECOMMENDATIONS

4 STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND 12 OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT



Achieved

3 recommendations



Partially achieved

10 recommendations



Not achieved

3 recommendations

None of the four strategic recommendations had been fully achieved.