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| **TITLE** | **Publication of the Delivering Justice for Wales Progress Report** |
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[*Delivering Justice for Wales*](https://www.gov.wales/delivering-justice-for-wales)was published in May 2022 to highlight the progress made by Welsh Government and partners to improve the justice system for people in Wales. The work programme outlined future plans, taking account of the recommendations of the Commission on Justice in Wales and the Law Commission for reforming justice and tribunals in Wales. It laid the foundation for discussions about the future of the justice system and devolved tribunals which have been ongoing since its publication.

Today, [we have published a progress report](https://www.gov.wales/delivering-justice-for-wales-2024-progress-report) to set out the activity and developments that have taken place since the report’s publication. This update acknowledges the hard work that has taken place to continue to deliver the best possible justice outcomes in Wales, despite the difficult financial landscape.

The report demonstrates the positive impact that working in partnership across Welsh Government, justice system agencies and other services has made to people in Wales who come into contact with the justice system.

The report also reiterates our commitment to pursuing the devolution of justice and policing in the wake of the report of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales, and updates on our ambitious programme of work to further advance our understanding of the future of justice in Wales.

We will continue to work with our partners on providing the most effective justice system in Wales under the current devolution settlement, whilst anticipating and preparing for further changes towards a settlement that better serves the needs of the people of Wales.