

Probation and After-Care Service

Audit Specification

Background

The Jersey Probation and After-Care Service (the Service) exists to provide the parishes, courts and prisons with a high quality information service and to supervise those offenders entrusted to it in order to reduce re-offending, allow restitution and protect the public.

The Service is a department of Jersey's Judiciary and is a non-ministerial department. The Probation Board is appointed by the Bailiff on behalf of the Royal Court to provide a governance framework for the Service. The Board consists of Jurats with the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and Assistant Chief Minister invited to attend as non-voting participants.

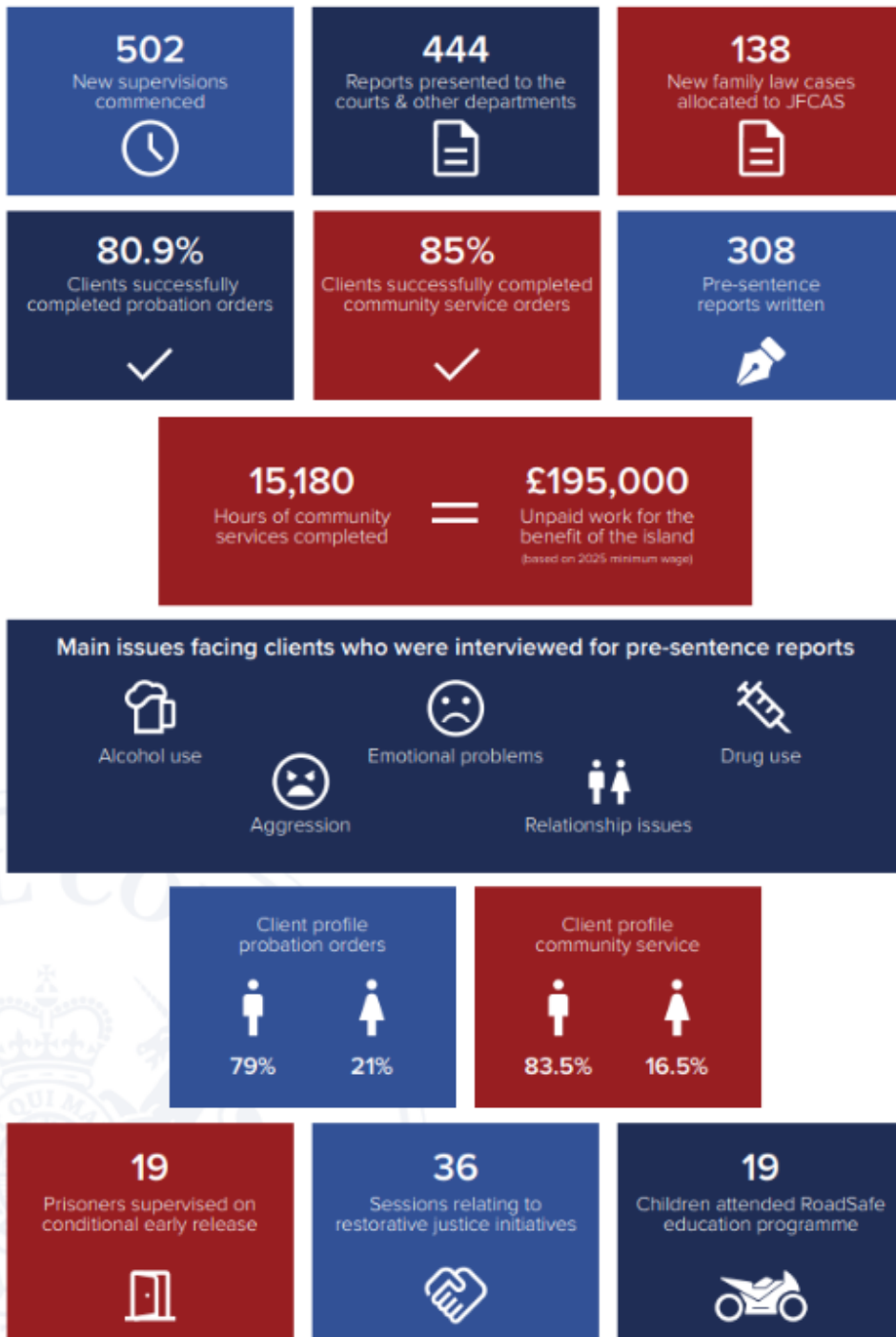
The following exhibit shows the Service's performance against budget for 2025 and 2024.

	Net Revenue Expenditure 2025 £000	Net Revenue Expenditure 2024 £000
Estimate in the Government Plan	3,324	2,951
Final Approved Budget	3,441	3,163
Outturn	3,000	2,863
Difference from Final Approved Budget	441	300

Source: States of Jersey Accounts 2025 and 2024

In 2025 the Service recorded a net underspend of £441,000. Some of the key work of the Service is shown below.

2025 in numbers



Source: Probation and After-Care Service Annual Report 2025

The Service has been looking to implement a new case management system. During 2025 the potential supplier withdrew from the process.

The Functions of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG)

Article 11 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 requires the C&AG to:

- provide the States with independent assurance that the public finances of Jersey are being regulated, controlled, supervised and accounted for in accordance with the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005
- consider and report to the States on:
 - the effectiveness of internal controls of the States, States funded bodies and funds
 - the economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the way the States, States funded bodies and funds use their resources; and
 - the general corporate governance arrangements of the States, States funded bodies and funds; and
- make recommendations to bring about improvement where improvement is needed.

Objectives of this audit

The audit will evaluate how well the Probation and After-Care Service uses its resources to manage risk, and to ensure it delivers an efficient, effective and economic service.

Scope

The audit scope will cover the activities of the Probation and After-Care Service including the governance and oversight arrangements of the Probation Board.

Audit approach

This audit will use a:

- result-oriented approach (is the Probation and After-Care Service meeting the States' objectives and ambitions?); and
- system-oriented approach (are robust systems / processes in place for the Probation and After-Care Service to support performance and value for money?).

The audit will commence with an initial documentation request. The findings of the document review will be followed up by interviews with key officers and potentially with other stakeholders.

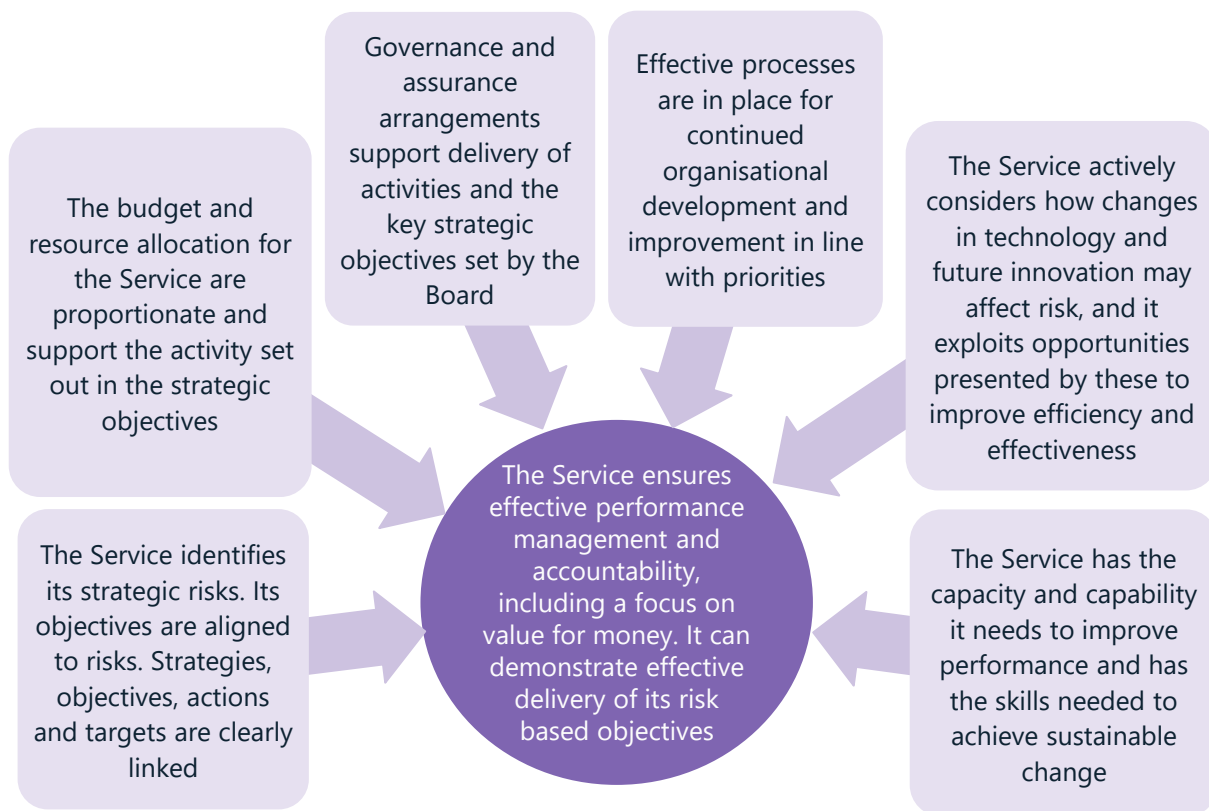
The audit will include benchmarking costs and service performance against relevant comparable probation and after-care services as agreed with key officers.

The audit will commence in June 2026.

The detailed work will be undertaken by affiliates engaged by the C&AG.

Audit criteria

To assess relative performance during our audit, we will use the following criteria.





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