

## DfP – Justice Practice Guidance Quick Guide

### Referral

- COPFS decision to refer for DfP is based on prosecutorial code
- COPFS referral identifies initial offence-related needs and Pathway
- COPFS completes referral to LA clearly noting alleged offence details and associated needs
- COPFS make final prosecutorial decisions with advice from LA

### Suitability

- Suitability focuses on offence-related needs
- LA required to assess suitability for intervention and identify activity that can be delivered
- The offence type and/or the presumed harm associated with the alleged offence is not a defining factor of suitability
- Indicative timescales and planned intervention must be clearly stated
- The proposed intervention begins immediately for Pathway A cases with Pathway B cases requiring COPFS agreement

### Intervention

- The Intervention Plans must be person-centred and delivered in line with responsivity principles
- Any/all activities should be based on need and in line with our practice aims
- Caledonian, MFMC/2C, Up to You and Constructs (accredited programmes) are not appropriate for DfP
- The Intervention Report must advise of successful, or unsuccessful, completion