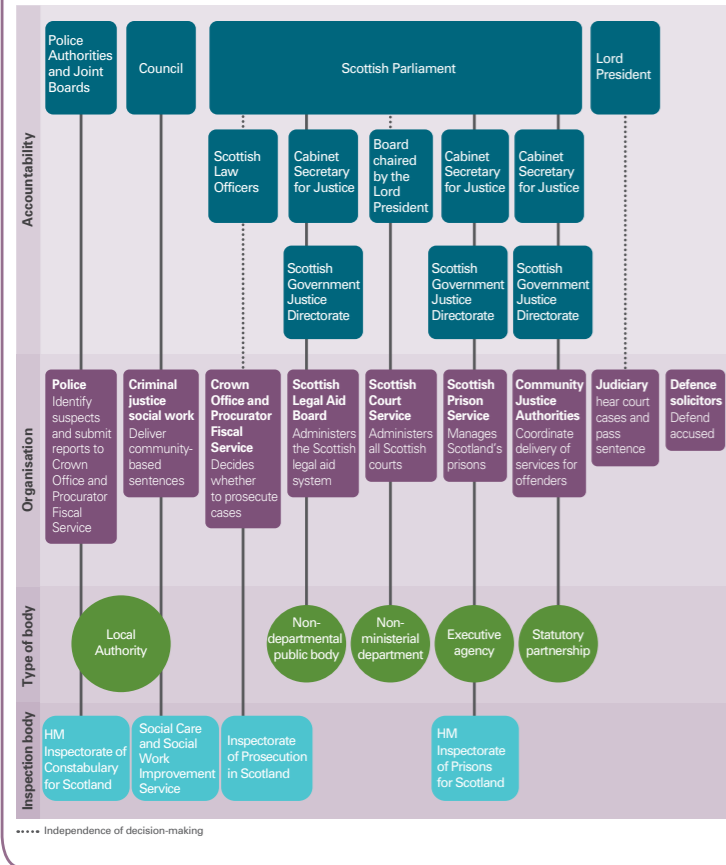
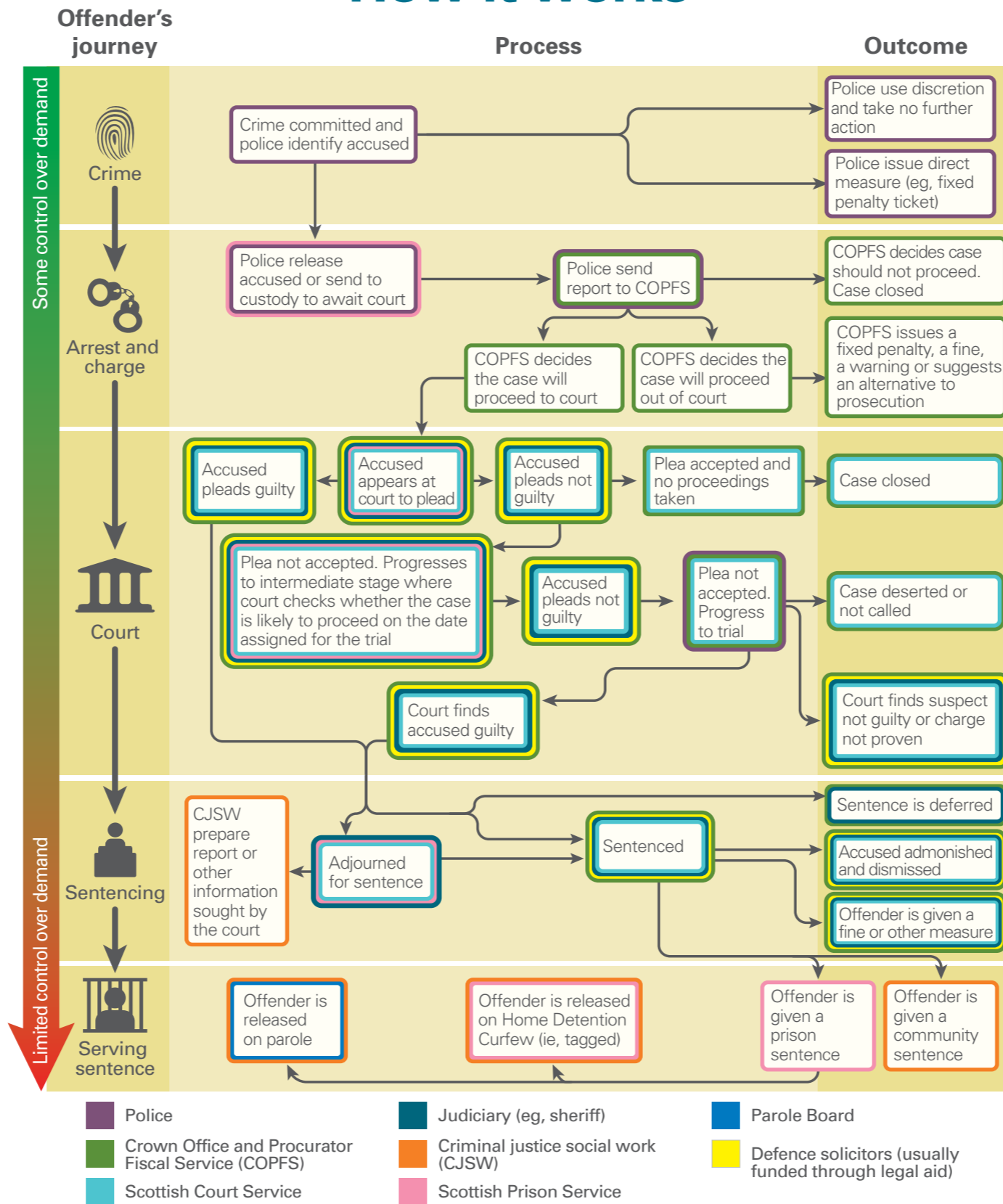


Scotland's criminal justice system

Criminal justice bodies have different accountabilities



How it works

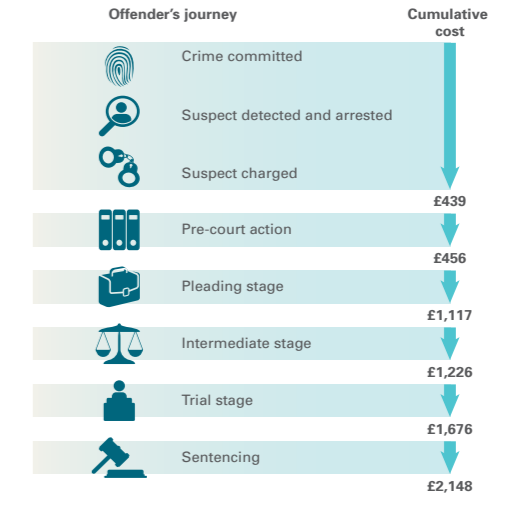


There were 825,000 victims of criminal activity and 477,000 citations were issued calling witnesses to appear at court

Offenders have a range of needs

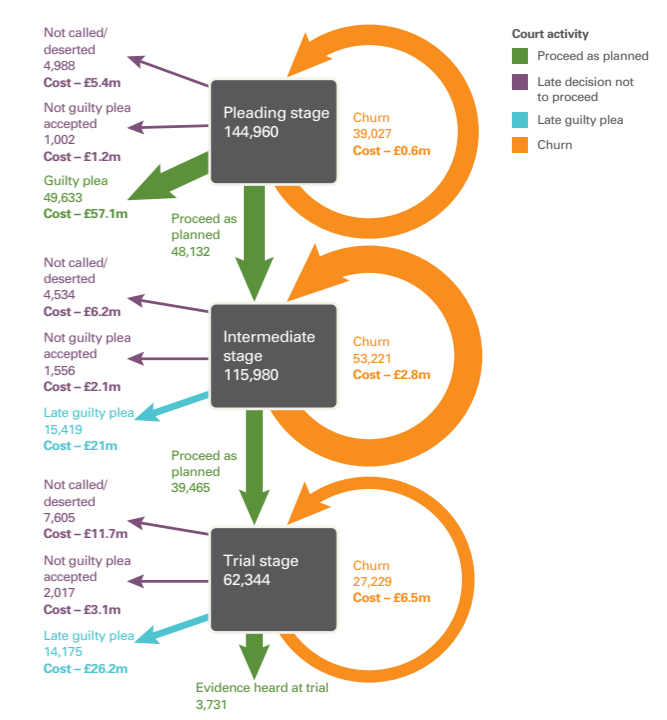


We estimate it costs about £2,100 to process a case through the lower level courts



137,000 people were processed through the courts, of which 121,000 (88 per cent) received some kind of sentence

Many cases do not progress through the courts as planned



Repeating stages cost around £10 million
Late guilty pleas cost around £47 million
Late decisions not to proceed cost around £30 million

In 2009/10, Scotland's criminal justice system cost an estimated £857 million*
*This figure only includes the small proportion of police expenditure directly related to criminal justice activities

16,300 community sentences and 15,700 prison sentences were issued by the courts

Note: All figures quoted relate to 2009/10.