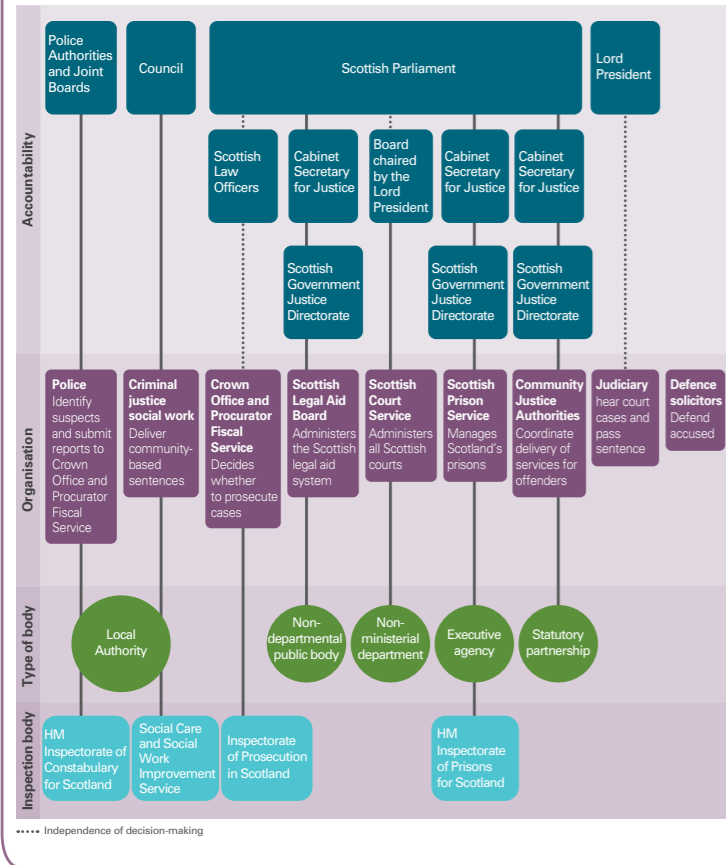
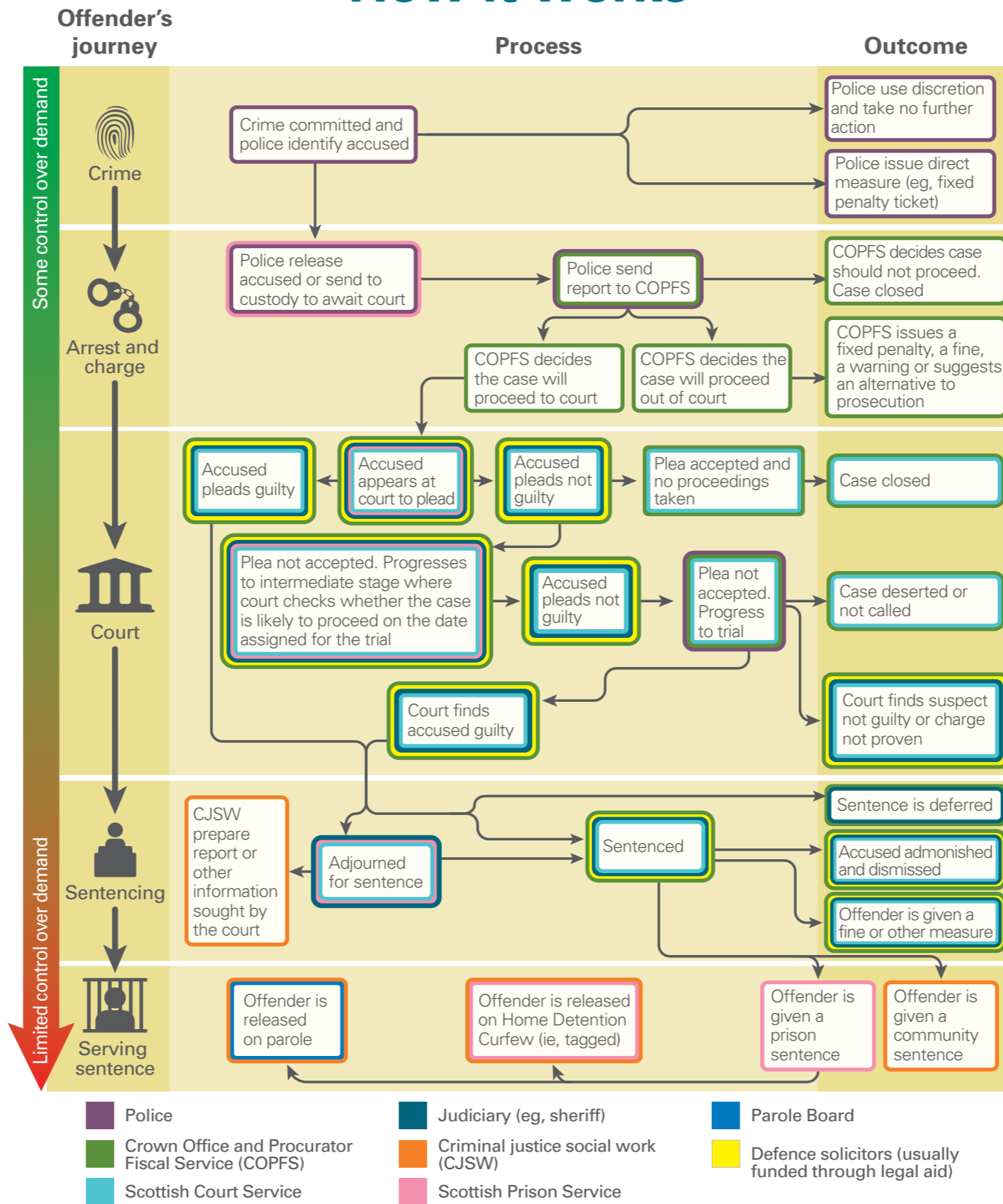


Scotland's criminal justice system

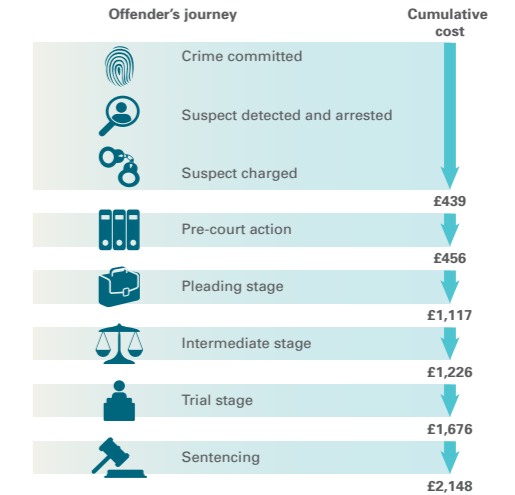
Criminal justice bodies have different accountabilities



How it works



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

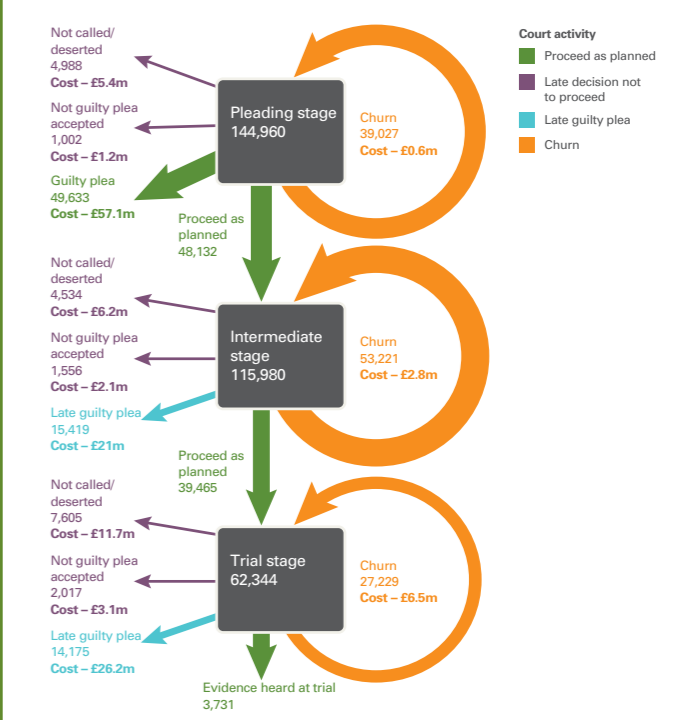


137,000 people were processed through the courts, of which 121,000 (88 per cent) received some kind of sentence

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



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

Note: Coloured borders round the boxes signify the different bodies generally involved at that stage of the process.

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.