

# Derbyshire Criminal Justice System

DERBYSHIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD  
Criminal Justice System: working together for the public



[www.cjsonline.gov.uk/lcjb/derbyshire](http://www.cjsonline.gov.uk/lcjb/derbyshire)



## Police



The police keep Derbyshire safe by enforcing the law. Our work includes responding to emergencies, policing roads and providing scientific and other specialist support. The police arrest offenders and gather and prepare information to prosecute offenders in court. Help is offered to victims of crime by putting them in touch with Victim Support. The force is made up of police officers, police community support officers, police staff and the Special Constabulary.

[www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)



## Crown Prosecution Service



Derbyshire CPS is responsible for prosecuting people who have been charged with committing a criminal offence. Our lawyers review cases submitted by the police for prosecution and decide whether the case should go to court. This decision is based on two factors: is there sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction and if so, is it in the public interest to proceed? Where the decision is to prosecute, our lawyers then determine the charge. Once the defendant has been charged, we prepare the prosecution case and then present it at court.

[www.cps.gov.uk/derbyshire](http://www.cps.gov.uk/derbyshire)



## Victim Support



Victim Support and Witness Service Derbyshire is a charity offering independent support and advice to victims and witnesses of crime and their friends and families throughout the criminal justice process. We offer practical help, support and advice on court proceedings, pre-trial visits, separate waiting areas where possible and an opportunity to talk over the case when it has ended. We can link you to other support services including our own community based one. Our services are free, confidential and totally independent. Please phone 01332 349129

[www.victimsupport.org](http://www.victimsupport.org)



## Her Majesty's Courts Service



Her Majesty's Courts Service (HMCS) is a national organisation created in April 2005. It supports the work of independent judges and magistrates who sit in Derbyshire to deal with all criminal cases brought either by the Crown Prosecution Service or other prosecuting authorities. A wide variety of cases, from murder to road traffic, are dealt with every day. The Crown court sits in Derby and magistrates' courts are held in Buxton, Chesterfield, Derby, Glossop and Ilkeston.

[www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk](http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk)



## Her Majesty's Prison Service



The duty of the Prison Service is to effectively execute the sentences of the court so as to reduce re-offending and protect the public by (1) holding those committed by the courts in a safe, decent and healthy environment (2) reducing crime by providing constructive regimes which address offending behaviour, (3) improving education and work skills, and (4) promoting law-abiding behaviour in custody and after release. Our purpose is pursued within the context of our own Framework Agreement and within the framework set by the Criminal Justice System as a whole.

[www.hmprisons.gov.uk](http://www.hmprisons.gov.uk)



## National Probation Service



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The aim of the Probation Service in Derbyshire is to protect the public and reduce re-offending. We do this by submitting reports to the courts advising on appropriate sentencing options, supervising offenders undertaking community sentences and those who are on release on licence conditions from prison. Supervision also involves intensive programmes designed to tackle the causes of offending. Offenders on community sentences work unpaid for the benefit of the community. All supervision is based on best practice and complies with strict national guidelines.

[www.dsponline.org.uk](http://www.dsponline.org.uk)



## Youth Offending Service



Derby Youth Offending Service (part of the Derby Community Safety Partnership) and Derbyshire Youth Offending Team deal with young people aged 10-17 who have committed an offence or are at risk of offending. We identify the specific problems that make the young person offend as well as measure the risk they pose to others. This enables us to identify suitable programmes to address the needs of the young person with the intention of preventing further offending. Court orders given by the youth courts include Action Plan Orders, Referral Orders and Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programmes.

[www.saferderby.org](http://www.saferderby.org)  
(Derby Youth Offending Service)  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)  
(Derbyshire Youth Offending Team)

NOMS National Offender Management Service  
Working together to reduce re-offending

## Stages of the Criminal Justice System

