

# Supporting Justice Bulletin #2

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This bulletin will tell you about what we are doing on the Supporting Justice project.

## What is the Supporting Justice project?



The supporting justice project is working to improve the criminal justice system for people with a disability.

## It is involved in two areas of work:



1. Building an online tool to help courts and people who work there support people with cognitive impairments, autism spectrum disorder and/or dual disability; and



**2.** Bringing people together to find ways to change the criminal justice system for people with a disability.

## 1. Building an online tool

### What we've been doing



We have been focusing on building an online tool. The tool will be ready by 30 June.



During April, we had 3 workshops to help us create the tool.



At the workshops, different groups of people sat down together. They talked about their ideas for a tool to help people with a disability in the criminal justice system.

16 people joined in over 3 co-design sessions.



Everyone involved in the workshop are people who might use this tool when it's ready.

They included:



- People who had a disability and experience of the criminal justice system;



- Lawyers;
- Magistrates;
- Support workers; and
- other people who work in the justice system.



## What we're doing now



We are making the tool to get ready to test it.



## We want the tool to achieve these goals:



1. Help workers in the system spot the signs of disability and know what to do next



2. Make sure people get the right help at the right time

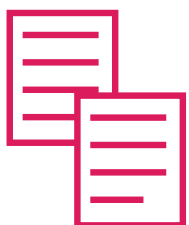
## Possible features of our tool include:



- Help for workers to communicate better with their clients



- Help finding services for people with a disability



- Stories of people with a disability who have been through the justice system



In our workshops, people told us that relationships are important.



We want our tool to support relationships and to better connect people.

## What are we doing next?



We will be making and testing our tool during May and June.

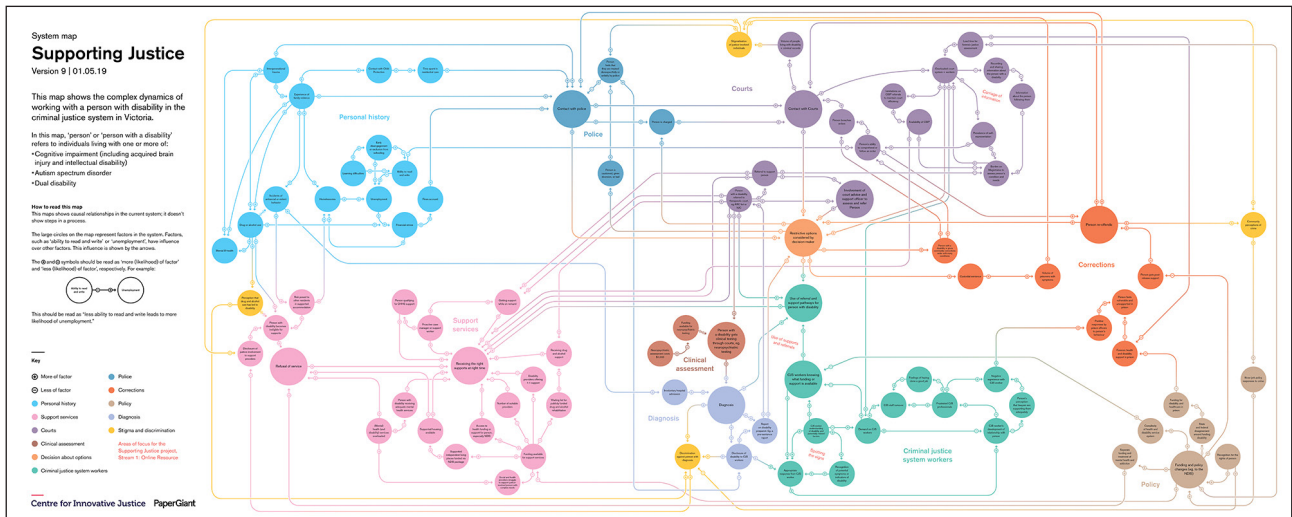


We might be in contact with you to ask for help testing our ideas.

## 2. Changing the system



We have drawn a complicated map of the criminal justice system.



This is the map. It is too small to read here.



We are using this map to understand the system from the point-of-view of someone with a disability.



This map helped us think about areas where our online tool could be useful.



We are going to keep working on that map so we can use it with different people to find solutions to other parts of the criminal justice system.



We want to bring together people from different backgrounds and show them the map to come up with solutions to improve it for people with a disability.



## **Project updates**

We will keep sharing these updates with you. If you want to know more please contact:

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