

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice can create an opportunity for those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, to communicate about what happened.

It is a safe, empowering process where all parties are supported to share the impact of what has happened and agree a positive way forward.

This is a free service, commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner or Mayor in your area.

Restorative Justice works

Restorative Justice could work for you

Frequently asked questions

What happens if the other party does not wish to participate or I change my mind?

The process is completely voluntary, anyone can withdraw at any time without judgement.

How do I communicate with the other party?

Communication can take place in person or indirectly through shuttling information between parties or an exchange of letters.

Will this affect sentencing or parole?

If a case goes to court then sentencing is always up to the judge who is regulated by sentencing guidelines. A parole board may be advised that the offender has engaged in a restorative process, however it will have no influence on their decision.



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Has crime had an impact on your life?



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How can Restorative Justice (RJ) help me?

For some people impacted by crime, it can help to explore why the crime happened and get some answers to their questions.

RJ can also help those harmed by crime to move forward, to feel less fearful of crime in the future and to have an opportunity to feel heard.

For those who are responsible for causing the harm, RJ provides an opportunity to understand the impact of their actions, explain what happened and take responsibility.

“Everyone has the ability to change.

Restorative Justice helps people move on with their lives.”

The Process

For any restorative process, preparation with Restorative Practitioners will include open and honest conversations in order to explore your motivations, needs and concerns and will focus on what you would like to see come from a restorative intervention whether that is direct or indirect communication.

Timescales and communication options vary case by case and are dependent on individual circumstances.

“I feel empowered now rather than an outsider as I felt before

with no involvement or influence over the criminal justice system.”

What happens next?

Restorative Justice (RJ) is a voluntary and safe process for all parties. It is confidential and Restorative Practitioners are impartial throughout. The service is free of charge. Initially, a member of our team will contact you to talk you through the process.

They will seek to understand what happened and the impact that it has had on everyone involved. If you meet with a Practitioner, this does not commit you to going through with any process.

