
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Version 4

1. Policy statement

The Police Federation of England and Wales acknowledges that the appropriate use of restorative justice can help support victims, build public confidence and reduce reoffending rates. Restorative justice gives victims an opportunity to communicate with offenders and for offenders to understand the impact of their offences.

Research¹ would also appear to show that the use of restorative justice can save police time and resources. Given the scale of the budget cuts facing the Service and the reduction in police officer numbers, the PFEW believes that the Home Office, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCCs) and National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) should collect data on the use of restorative justice to fully understand the benefits for victims, offenders, the public and police officers.

Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

The appropriate use of restorative justice can improve victim care, help build public confidence in the police service and reduce reoffending rates as well as free up police resources to devote more time to other activities such as investigating serious crime or undertaking visible policing. Restorative justice can be used in many different ways by forces. Currently there is no consistent approach and provision across England and Wales can vary. To fully understand the benefits, PFEW believes the Home Office, APCCs and NPCC should collect data on the use of restorative justice in England and Wales in order to:

- Develop a standard approach to restorative justice across forces to avoid for the inappropriate use of restorative justice
- Provide consistent training to police officers on the use of restorative justice across forces to ensure that restorative justice is conducted properly.

4. Procedures/implementation

PFEW will press the APCCs and the NPCC to undertake a full analysis of the benefits of restorative justice for victims, the public, offenders and police officers.

¹ Restorative Justice Council , 2015

Responsibility is delegated to the National Secretary and/or the appropriate sub-committee.

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Signed by:



National Chair



National Secretary