



Restorative Justice – Draft Commissioning Intentions – September 2014

This document sets out the Police and Crime Commissioner's intentions with regards to the development of a partnership-led restorative justice approach across Cambridgeshire. Due to the availability of in-year funding and to inform funding decisions going forward consultation of the proposed approach will run until October 16, 2014.

Strategic vision for Restorative Justice in Cambridgeshire

Restorative Justice (RJ) is a process which “brings those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward”.

We will work in partnership with other agencies to develop, embed and deliver an extended range of appropriate and sustainable Restorative Justice interventions which:

- improve victim satisfaction – this will include integrating RJ interventions into the services offered by the new Victims' Hub. This will enable a consistent, co-ordinated and proactive victim-centered approach to be taken and ensure victims of crime have the choice to access RJ at a time, and in a way that is right for them.
- promote desistance - this will include extending the types of crimes RJ is used for, in consultation with partner agencies, and ensuring RJ is used to best effect with a wider range of offenders.
- create safer, stronger communities with low crime rates, low numbers of victims and high numbers of people willing to be witnesses. Residents with good wellbeing and mental health who are engaged with, and confident in, statutory agencies. This will include giving the community a voice to address long-standing concerns through developing the use of Community Trigger and Community Remedy for low level crime and anti-social behaviour and Community Justice Panels. It will also include raising awareness of the positive benefits of RJ with our communities.

Funding

The Ministry of Justice has provided PCCs with (non-ring fenced) funding to enable the development of victim-led Restorative Justice provision at any stage of the criminal justice process.

Cambridgeshire has been allocated:

Year	Allocation	Spend/Commissioning Intention
2013/14 – Capacity and Capability Grant	£55,449	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building additional capacity within RJ for young people Scoping Study of RJ provision in Cambridgeshire <p><i>These were detailed in the Victims Services Commissioning Intentions published February 2014</i></p>
2014/15	£90k	Stage 1 – appointing of a delivery partner to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a detailed implementation plan Design a multi-agency virtual RJ Hub model
2015/16	£184k	Continuation of funding Stage 1 Stage 2 – Allocation of grants to build capacity within the county to develop the multi-agency virtual RJ Hub.

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Stage 1 - December 2014 to December 2015 (Expected)

The existing provision of Restorative Justice in Cambridgeshire has already been scoped using funding from the 2013/14 MOJ Capacity and Capability Fund. This report has informed the intended approach, detailed below, which aims to seek to appoint a **delivery partner** for one year to:

- Develop a detailed implementation plan, in consultation with other criminal justice agencies and partners, which:
 - complements and builds upon existing provision across Cambridgeshire;
 - integrates the delivery of RJ into Cambridgeshire’s new Victims’ Hub;
 - identifies an extended range of appropriate and sustainable Restorative Justice interventions and encourages and supports new and innovative approaches; and
 - raises awareness of the positive benefits of the use of RJ across the Criminal Justice System, partner agencies and our communities.

2. Design a multi –agency ‘virtual’ Restorative Justice Hub model for Cambridgeshire.

The successful **delivery partner** will be expected to:

- co-fund the development of a Cambridgeshire-wide approach
- work with and build upon on existing provision within Cambridgeshire
- support the development of referral pathways to enable victims to access restorative approaches and develop an evidence base to demonstrates what works.

Timescales: The OPCC is seeking a delivery partner for one full calendar year – start and end dates to be confirmed with the successful provider. It is expected the work will have begun before the end of 2014 and a fully developed, in consultation with partners, initial RJ delivery model produced by June 2015.

Process: The preferred approach is for the OPCC to draw up a project specification and approach a list of existing providers on transparent basis. The specification would also be shared with the Restorative Justice Council to enable any less known providers to express an interest.

Stage 2 – June 2015 to December 2015

Work will run alongside and build upon stage 1 to allocate funding to build capacity within the county to support the delivery of a multi-agency virtual Restorative Justice Hub model.

Timescales: The OPCC would see the delivery partner supporting local bids for grant funding for pilot RJ provision from June 2015 when the initial delivery model is complete.

Process: Grant allocation (primarily short-term pilot schemes with preference to those with long-term sustainability plans).

Deadline for feedback: October 16, 2014

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