

Information for those harmed and affected by youth crime

We're here to help

The restorative justice officers within the youth justice service support people who have been harmed by an offence committed by a young person.

What is restorative justice?

Restorative justice is a voluntary process for you and the young person who has committed the offences to repair harm caused. Both have an opportunity to decide on how this will be done. This is called reparation. There are several ways in which reparation can be carried out:

- **Direct reparation:** for example, where the harmed person and young person may attend a restorative meeting together.
- **Indirect reparation:** for example, where a young person may write a letter of apology.
- **Community reparation:** for example, where a young person will attend and be involved in a community project.

We comply with the Ministry of Justice Code of Practice for Victims of Crime.

What does this mean to me?

We have contacted you because a young person has committed an offence and either been sentenced in court or issued with an out of court disposal. As per our attached letter, we would like to discuss this via phone or visit at a time and date convenient with you to understand your views on how the harm caused can be repaired.

What do I do if I have any questions?

For more information please contact the restorative justice officers at:

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If you have difficulty understanding this document, please contact us on 01983 823011 and we will do our best to help you.