

Restorative Justice Action Plan 2019 - 23 – Quarterly Report – 1st April 22 – 30th June 22

This report provides a brief summary on the progress and delivery of the Restorative Justice (RJ) action plan for the reporting period – 1st April 22 – 30th June 22. An annual report for the period 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 is due to be signed off by the RJ stakeholder group and circulated in due course. Brief information is included to provide an easy read document. Please get in touch with the contacts at the end of the document for a detailed update on the content mentioned below.

Outcome 1	Restorative Justice is available across Scotland
Activity	Progress
Community Justice Scotland – RJ National Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April 2022, Criminal Justice Board and SG agreed to the provision of a national Policy Framework for RJ which support development of practice as a parallel approach to the criminal justice system. Development is presently ongoing • Funded by the Scottish Government in April 2022 • To provide national oversight, monitoring and evaluation of RJ across Scotland – starting with the Initial Test Project in the Sheriffdom – Lothian and Borders. This project will provide a model and evaluation report for the remaining 5 Sheriffdom areas and include necessary resource, practice and policy. • Recruited RJ Project Lead in April 2022 • Recruited RJ Administrative Officer and RJ Development Officer in May 2022 – due to commence post in end of July 2022 • Official launch, in partnership with Thriving Survivors (more information below) occurred on 30th and 31 May 2022 • A mapping exercise of RJ provision and development in the initial test project from 26th April – 17th June, via a survey and online consultations. Invites were circulated for completion and wider dissemination by community justice partnership leads – due for publication in July 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning for an general RJ development group commenced as the mapping consultations were taking place. This will commence in July. Subgroups will develop from this group , and a VAW and RJ group is in the planning stages • Funding provided to the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice (CYCJ) for an RJ Coordinator to focus on development of RJ in Scotland specific to children and young people was secured in June 2022. The post will work as part of the RJ National Team. • A key messages and documents briefing has published. This is in addition to the Scottish Governments (2020) communication stakeholder brief.
<p>Thriving Survivors – National Restorative Justice Service for Sexual Harm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded by the Scottish Government in April 2022 • To develop and provide a national RJ service for sexual harm • Officially launched, in partnership with CJS on the 30th and 31st May. This included information on various media platforms and an event in Thriving Survivors head office with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Scottish Government Victim and Witness Team and survivors • 2 RJ Facilitators and an RJ Assistant were recruited in June 2022 • Advert posted in June 2022 to recruit RJ Facilitators to work Scotland-wide • Specialist training is in development with Edinburgh Napier University and CJS – this includes foundation, intermediate, advanced and specialist training • The service is overseen by an advisory board and hosts 3 working groups, focussing on risk, policy, training, monitoring and evaluation <p>More information can be accessed on Thriving Survivors website. An information leaflet is due to be published. Contact this email address for general enquires - rj.enquiries@thrivingsurvivors.co.uk</p>
<p>Risk Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RJ 2017 guidance and the 2020 toolkit for RJ, provide information on risk in relation to RJ. These documents can be accessed via the objects below. • The codes of practice for adults and children and young people provided further consultation and detail on risk in relation to RJ, this included input from the Risk Management Authority

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various tools were collated from England and Wales and the RJ Edinburgh hate crime service for general RJ – these have been collated into one tool for adults and will be shared for consultation in the Sheriffdom area • Various tools were collated from England and Wales in relation to tools for sexually harmful behaviour and domestic abuse – these were circulated widely among the VAW partnership, national VAW contacts and the Caledonian System – a workshop took place on the 8th of June for consultation on the tools – the outcome of this consultation was for CJS to host a Sheriffdom VAW and RJ development group to focus on factors including, but not limited to, referral pathways, risk assessment and management to support and inform good practice • CJS met with Scottish Government Equally Safe Lead in June 2022 to consider how national engagement and activity could be further support in RJ, and to also ensure an Equally Safe lens can be applied to risk assessment and approaches taken in RJ • CJS met with Safe and Together in June 2022 in order to access tools and guidance which support effective partnering with a survivor in RJ approaches, and ensuring these can effectively identify patterns of behaviour in perpetrators
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Outcome 2	Restorative Justice is delivered by highly trained and skilled facilitators
Activity	Progress
Strathclyde Training Needs Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strathclyde University were funded by the Scottish Government to complete a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) • 1-2-1 consultations took place with key partners who do, or may refer people to RJ services, partners who do, or may facilitate RJ and partners who do, or may provide training for RJ • This information was collated into a face to face conference event for further consultation • This will be published into a report to inform training needs, developments and consideration for accreditation • This will also help to inform key messages in relation to accredited training and quality standards
Codes of practice for adults and children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYCJ are completing consultations to form a child-friendly version of the codes of practice document for children and young people

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Outcome 3	Restorative Justice is available across Scotland
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Restorative Justice Awareness Events	A proposal was submitted to the RJ stakeholder group to host a series of awareness events to coincide with the initial test project. A project plan has been formed and will be further developed when the RJ officer is in post, in partnership with CYCJ and various stakeholders
The Gathering	<p>Thriving Survivors, Community Justice Scotland and Midlothian Community Justice hosted a one hour event on Restorative Justice and sexual harm. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gemma Fraser – An introduction to RJ in Scotland Ashley Scotland – Thriving Survivors National Service for Sexual Harm David Russell – Consultation with individuals convicted of sexual offences on RJ and development to work in partnership with Thriving Survivors
Restorative Justice Action Plan Inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April – Criminal Justice Board April – Social Work Scotland Advisor – Scottish Government April & May - VAW leads - Sheriffdom Lothian and Borders May – East Lothian and Justice Social Work Managers May – CJS Academic Advisory Board May – Victim Support Scotland – Policy, Communications and Service User Involvement June – East Renfrewshire Community Justice Partnership meeting

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Useful documents

Access the objects below for useful information about restorative justice - these include hyperlinks to numerous websites, research papers, guidance and toolkits.



Restorative Justice
Case Studies CJS.pdf



Restorative Justice
Information Pack.pdf

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