

What to expect after contacting a restorative justice provider?

1 Initial meeting

After contacting a local restorative justice provider, you will be offered an initial meeting with a restorative justice practitioner. You will discuss in confidence the details of your situation and the reasons for wanting to take part in a restorative justice process.

2 Preparation

If all parties consent to taking part in restorative justice, you will decide together with the practitioner and the other people involved how best to have the restorative conversation. You will clarify any expectations and rules of the conversation and a safe space will be created for everyone involved.

3 Restorative conversation

No matter what means of communication is used, the restorative conversation will be around what happened, everyone's views and feelings about this, how different people were harmed and what needs to happen next to address the harm.

4 Follow-up

After the restorative conversation takes place, the practitioner will get in touch with everyone to check in and see whether the things that were agreed on have happened.

Contacts

EMRJ Directory

website: www.emrjdirectory.uk
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Victim First

website: www.victimfirst.org
contact: **Jaswinder Purewal**
email: support@victimfirst.pnn.gov.uk
telephone: **0800 953 9595**

DLNR Community Rehabilitation Company

website: www.dlnrcrc.co.uk
contact: **Louise Cassie / Ruth Wilkinson**
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Leicester City Children & Young People's Justice Service

website: www.leicester.gov.uk
contact: **Adrian Giles**
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telephone: **0116 4544600**

Victim Care Nottingham

website: www.nottsvictimcare.org.uk
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What's the meaning of Restorative Justice?

Restorative justice is a process that brings together people that have been harmed by crime or conflict, people that have done the harm, and anyone else that has been affected such as family members or friends. It is a process that enables people to discuss openly about what happened and find constructive ways to address the harm.

Restorative justice is a process that is:



Voluntary — will only take place when everyone is ready and wanting to take part.



Flexible — can be organised in a way that fits the wishes and needs of those who are participating.



Fair — allows people to ask questions, share their views and be acknowledged for how they feel.



Safe — takes place in a respectful environment that is guided by commonly agreed rules of behaviour.

What are the benefits of Restorative Justice?

- 1 Have a voice**
Restorative justice gives you the chance to ask questions, offer explanations and share personal views and feelings about what happened in a safe and respectful environment.
- 2 Move on**
Restorative justice has been described by participants as a turning point in their life, after which they were able to move forward in a more positive way.
- 3 Get better**
Restorative justice won't solve everything and won't change things to how they were before, but it does offer participants the opportunity to turn the page and get closer to where they want to be.
- 4 Get satisfaction**
Restorative justice provides people with greater satisfaction with the justice process, a heightened sense of involvement and a more personal and constructive way of addressing harm.



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When a crime has been perpetrated, restorative justice can be offered to you multiple times, and you can access it at various stages of the criminal justice process.

Depending where you are in your journey, there are several local service providers that are able to provide you with detailed information about restorative justice, as well as support if you decide to take part in it.



Local Service Providers:

- Victim Service**
If you are a victim of crime, you can request information about restorative justice through the local victim service.
- Police**
If you are a victim of crime or if you have perpetrated a crime, you can ask for information about restorative justice from your first contact with the police.
- Youth Offending Service**
If you are a young offender, you can discuss about restorative justice with your case worker or a victim worker.
- Probation/Prison**
If you are serving a sentence, you can discuss about restorative justice with your probation officer or with prison staff.