

The Restorative Justice Team consists of 2 Co-ordinators, 2 Support Workers and 2 Administrative Assistants who are seconded to the Powys Youth Offending Team to offer a full range of Restorative Justice interventions.

WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?

Restorative Justice seeks to balance the concerns of the victim and the community with the need to re-integrate the offender back into society. It seeks to assist the recovery of the victim and to enable all parties with a stake in the justice process to participate fruitfully in it.

Restorative justice practices are used at all stages of Youth Justice from pre-court interventions to court orders. In all cases victim participation is voluntary. In the case of young offenders pre-court involvement is voluntary but it may be a required element of a court order.

Justice is being done in a restorative manner when the process...

- ✓ Focuses on the harm done by the crime rather than the rules broken.
- ✓ Shows equal concern to victims and offenders, and involves both.
- ✓ Works toward restoring victims, empowering them and responding to their needs as the victims themselves see them.
- ✓ Both parties are given the opportunity to break down stereotypes, and to understand the motivations for and the impact of crime.
- ✓ Supports offenders while encouraging them to understand, accept and carry out their obligations.
- ✓ Recognises that while offenders' obligations may be difficult, they should not be intended as punishment.
- ✓ Provides opportunities for dialogue, direct or indirect, between victim and offender, as appropriate.
- ✓ Finds meaningful ways to involve the community and to respond to causes of crime in the community.
- ✓ Encourages partnership and reintegration rather than coercion and isolation for the offender.

- ✓ Pays attention to unintended consequences arising from restorative justice efforts.
- ✓ Respects all parties - victims, offenders, and justice colleagues.