

Restorative Justice Action Plan – Stakeholder group update

- Stakeholder group established in January 2020
- Workshop to logic model RJ action plan took place in February 2020. Unfortunately due to covid-19 restrictions a follow up session for the remaining actions was unable to take place.
- At start of 2020 Cabinet Secretary agreed recruitment of 2 posts to support RJ Action Plan work – a part-time post in CYCJ and a full-time post in CJS.
- CYCJ have appointed a part-time worker who has been in post since the 1st April. Appointee, Pamela Morrison, has spent time engaging with various stakeholders across the statutory and voluntary sectors. In addition she has developed several publications including a series of case studies highlighting good restorative practice case examples from across the country. CYCJ now have a dedicated RJ section on their website hosting a number of relevant resources which will be continuously updated.
- Recruitment of the CJS post was delayed due to Covid. However In September 2020, CJS appointed a Restorative Justice Officer to support delivery of the RJ Action Plan. CJS aim to have the post holder in place by November 2020. This post will focus on delivery for adults experiencing harm, and will work in close partnership with CYCJ to ensure a consistent model and messages across youth and adult justice.
- Scottish Government and partners continue to engage with stakeholders out with the group to ensure their views and experiences are incorporated throughout the development of the plan. This has included VOCFS.

Restorative Justice is available across Scotland

- Email was sent in May 2020 to stakeholder group in relation to the 'RJ model for Scotland' and responses were collated.
- A draft proposal for a the 'RJ model for Scotland' was developed considering research and the views of the Stakeholder group. (Paper 2)

High quality restorative justice services are delivered by trained facilitators

- Connections have been made with speech, language and communication colleagues to ensure training moving forward incorporates these specific needs
- Agreement that engagement with voluntary sector organisations will take place when developing a national training package

There is a strong public awareness and understanding of Restorative Justice in Scotland

- A Scottish opinion monitor was conducted in relation to Restorative Justice in June 2020 where 1014 respondents were surveyed via telephone. Results of this survey will support the national RJ communications strategy and key messages.