

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Request for dedicated RJ victim & offender leaflets
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for the allocation of £1344.95 to design and print bespoke leaflets promoting Restorative Justice for Victims and Offenders which will also be available, on request, in other languages.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £1344.95 to design and print bespoke leaflets promoting Restorative Justice for Victims and Offenders. These will be able to be translated if required.

3. Benefits of the proposal

By having three bespoke leaflets (our existing leaflet for mediation, plus two RJ leaflets; one for victims, one for offenders) this will highlight the FAQs and RJ process and benefits, being beneficial not only for service users, but also referrers as well. We are also looking to get this translated, on request, into other languages to be more inclusive of potential service users who do not speak English.

4. Background and proposal

We experience a low number of RJ cases, with our main referral type being mediation cases. We have seen a decrease in referrals in 2019-20, with only 7% of our referrals

being post-sentence. We received no referrals from witness care, and only a small number from prison and probation.

We want to promote the process and benefits of RJ by having two bespoke leaflets for victims (which we will disseminate to witness care, victim support, VLOs and Police Officers) and offenders (which we will share with IOM, prisons and probation). This will not only be an opportunity to remind partners of our services, but also engage the victims better by reassuring them that this is a bolt on to the CJS, not an alternative, which is often the case with mediation. Each leaflet will outline:

- What is Restorative Justice
- How can RJ help me (tailored to victim / offender benefits depending on the leaflet)
- Contact information
- How to access the service
- FAQs (including will this impact the sentence and when does RJ happen)
- How the process works
- Benefits (tailored to the victim / offender depending on the leaflet)

We will be asking witness care to include a leaflet in every sentence results letter to victims so that they have the information to make a self-referral should they wish.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

Continue to use the existing leaflets which merges mediation, RJ for victims and RJ for offenders. However, as RJ and mediation have different goals, this option is not preferable and does not explain the main FAQs for victims, offenders or mediation participants. The main cost incurred with this is £750 for the design which will be a one off; after this, we will only need to print leaflets when they run out, or we get requests for translated versions, which is a lot cheaper.

6. Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime plan embeds RJ throughout various priorities, including making greater use of RJ to help put right the harm caused. The plan wishes to continue developing and embedding the ERMS, utilising case studies of positive victims, offenders and engagements to highlight the potential of RJ and encourage more professionals to refer into the service. By having designated leaflets, we are promoting RJ not only to service users, but to referrers as well.

7. Police operational implications

There are no direct operational implications of running this event.

8. Financial implications

Allocation of £844.95 to pay for design and printing of 1000 leaflets and up to £500 to support the translation of the leaflet into other languages.

9. Legal implications

There are no legal implications.

10. Staffing implications

None.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

It is important that all victims of crime have a right to restorative justice. This is emphasizing that equal right. There can be an unconscious bias that certain offences aren't suitable, but the FAQs will include 'what offence can this apply to' emphasizing that this can be used for any offence where there is an identifiable victim.

By having the ability for the leaflet to be translated into other languages, this ensures that the service is also being offered to those who do not speak English as their first language. Part of this can be liaising with prisons to find out what are the common languages spoken in Prisons for the RJ Offender leaflets.

12. Risks

There is no risk identified.

13. Governance Boards

This proposal has been discussed with OPFCC Commissioning team and RJ team.

14. Background papers


Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Deputy M.O. Sign: 

Print: Darren Horsman

Date: 13 October 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: 

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 13 October 2020

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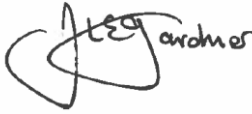
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:



Sign:

Print: Jane Gardner

Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 13 October 2020

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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