

Essex Community Remedy Menu: Sep 2021 update

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 placed a requirement on Police and Crime Commissioners, in consultation with Chief Constables, to publish a Community Remedy Document to set out how victims of less serious crime and anti-social behaviour can have a say in the punishment of perpetrators who receive an out of court disposal. The menu provides a list of activities that a victim can select from. These actions must be appropriate and proportionate to the types of offences for which community resolutions are used and should have a positive impact on the perpetrator.

Essex's Community Remedy menu was originally drawn-up in 2014 based on national guidelines and after consultation with the Essex public. It was further amended in 2016 following a 2-year review. The latest version was reviewed and republished in 2021.

Essex's Community Remedy document outlines a menu of options for low-level offences in order to improve public confidence in the use of out-of-court disposals and consider the views of the victim.

The Essex Community Remedy Menu includes;

  
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Activity overseen by Essex Restorative & Mediation Service; 1. Restorative Justice or Mediation
Activity overseen by Police officer 1. Verbal apology 2. Acceptable Behaviour Contract 3. Financial compensation
Activity overseen by OOC team 1. Rehabilitative Behaviour to address offending behaviour 2. Referral to Relevant outside agency

More information about Restorative Justice can be found on the Essex Restorative and Mediation Service website; www.restorativeessex.co.uk

Not all offences will be suitable for Community Remedy, and in some cases, not all options may be appropriate. If a community remedy is appropriate for a case, the options available will be fully explained to the victim.