Introduction to Restore:London
A Pan-London victim focussed restorative justice service
Definition of Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice bring those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward. (RJC 2012)
Benefits to Victim

- Opportunity to be heard
- Opportunity to have questions answered about the crime
- Increases the likelihood of receiving an apology

- Opportunity to express how the offence has affected them
- More able to cope and recover
- To feel empowered/acknowledged

- Opportunity to tell their story
- Evidence of reduced feelings of anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress (Sherman 2014)

- Contribute to a sense of closure
- To be listened to
- To better understand why
Benefits to Offender

- Opportunity to accept responsibility for and acknowledge the harm caused.
- To discover what needs to change and to understand their part in the process, essential for reintegration back into the community.
- An opportunity to make some form of retributive acknowledgement.
- To hear how their behaviour has affected others.
The need for a new approach – Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime

- Low victim awareness and understanding of RJ;
- Existing provision is patchy but good practice does exist at the local level, which the new service should work with;
- Criminal justice service works in silos;
- Police use of RJ varies across the MPS;
- Specialist RJ services need to be more accessible;
- Limited referrals to RJ facilitators;
- Embedding protocols and processes for sharing of information across agencies, particularly victims data, which are fundamental to successful implementation;
The Vision

- Restore London
- One voice – collaboratively working with the sector
- Pan-London Service
  All stages of the CJS
- Not duplicating existing provision
- All victims of adults offenders who live or are victimised in London
- Any victim that requests restorative justice
- Improved health & wellbeing of victims who are more able to cope & recover

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giving victims a voice
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