

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



giving victims a voice

- 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/acknowled ged

Opportunity to tell their story

 Evidence of reduced feelings of anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress (Sherman 2014) R

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

### Benefits to Offender



giving victims a voice

 Opportunity to accept responsibility for and acknowledge the harm caused.

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 To hear how their behaviour has affected others

 To discover what needs to change and to understand their part in the process, essential for reintegration back in to the community. R

 An opportunity to make some form of retributive acknowledgement

## The need for a new approach – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

### Low victim awareness and understanding of RJ;

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giving victims a voice

Existing provision is patchy but good practice does exist at the local level, which the new service should work with

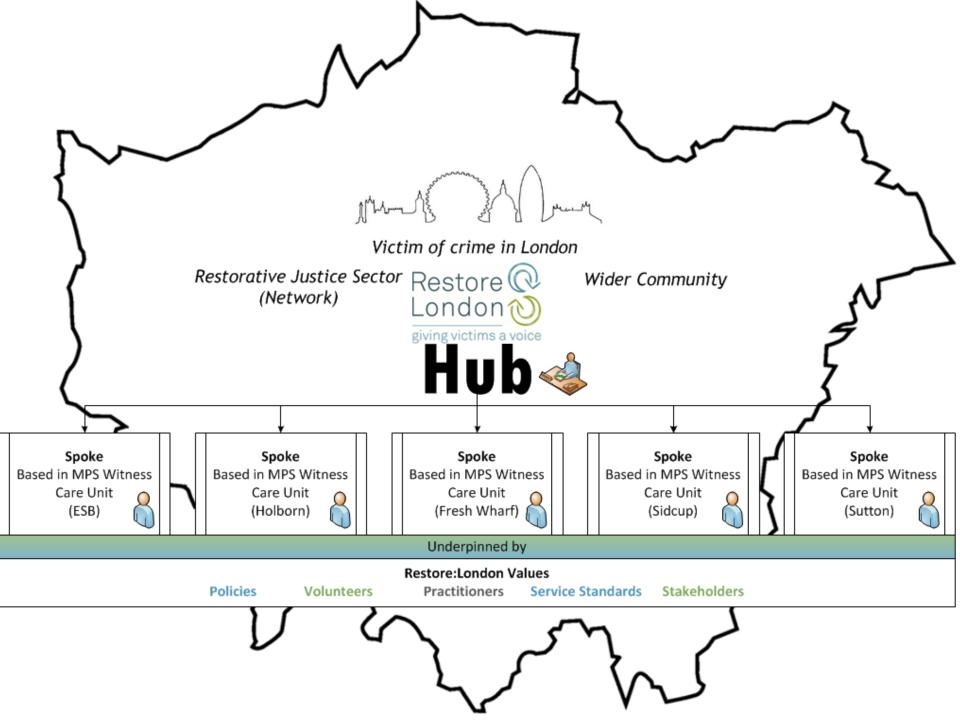
Criminal justice service works in silos;

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



Improved
health &
wellbeing of
victims who
are more able
to cope &
recover

Any victim that requests restorative justice

One voice – collaboratively working with the sector

#### Restore London

All victims of adult offenders who live or are victimised in London

Pan-London Service

All stages of the CJS

Not duplicating existing provision

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