

## North Wales Police

### Update on restorative approaches and disposals to end August 2009.

An incident dealt with using RJ does not count as a sanction detection. We cannot get involved in cases where persons have been charged or are on bail. We only become involved in such cases once the matter has been dealt with and we would then conduct a conference between the victim and offender.

The majority of RJ interventions have been in dealing with long standing neighbourhood disputes and incidents of anti-social behaviour which have been a huge drain on our resources.

The Youth Restorative Disposal is not a criminal conviction but YRD pilot forces have been credited by The Home Office for use of this disposal towards previous sanction detection targets.

The present situation with regards to RJ and YRDs is as follows.

#### **Restorative Justice (RJ).**

To date a total of **329 RJ conferences** have been completed across the force – **98** of which have a cost (saving) implication.

Central – **198**

Eastern – **74**

Western - **57**

Incidents dealt with by way of RJ include Victim/Offender mediation, Neighbourhood Disputes, Incidents of Anti-social behaviour, Schools (inc bullying – physical and internet, assaults, thefts, damage, disruptive behaviour and truancy).

Up to the last quarter there were a total of **302 RJ conferences** across the force – **93** of which had a cost implication. This provided an efficiency saving of **£93,841** for the force on not having to attend repeat calls. Of the **27 RJ conferences** since then a further **5** have cost implications. It is estimated that by the end of the next quarter the efficiency savings will be in the region **£100,000**.

#### **Youth Restorative Disposals (YRDs).**

To date a total of **694 YRDs** have been issued from **587** incidents.

Central – **232**

Eastern – **301**

Western – **161**

Types of offence – **Theft** – 225, **Assaults** – 178, **Damage** – 138, **ASB** – 36, **Other** – 9.

There have been **450 Male offenders** and **244 Female offenders**.

Age range of offenders:

**10yrs** – 57 **11yrs** – 60 **12yrs** – 111 **13yrs** – 127 **14yrs** – 125 **15yrs** – 110 **16yrs** – 73  
**17yrs** – 31.

A piece of analysis was undertaken which compares the time an officer spends dealing with an offence by way of a YRD rather than going down the Reprimand route. The average time taken to deal with a young person by way of a **Reprimand was 4 hours and 40 minutes** compared to only **44 minutes for a YRD**.

This translates to an efficiency saving of **£103.21 per instance a YRD** is used instead of a **Reprimand**. Therefore the issuing of **694 YRDs** rather than processing them as **Reprimands** has realised an efficiency saving of **£72,331** for frontline officers.

Based on **the 694 YRDs** issued the **3 hours and 56 minutes** saved per YRD as opposed to **Reprimands** has so far realised a saving of **2,750 officer hours**.

**Please see above attachments for a breakdown of RJ and YRD efficiency savings.**

### **Training**

A total of **506** officers are trained Restorative Justice.

Central – **162** (level 1 – 109 level 2 – 53)

Eastern – **204** (level 1 – 165 level 2 – 39)

Western – **140** (level 1 – 87 level 2 – 53)