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All Party Parliamentary Party Group for Restorative Justice

**Significant and
meaningful engagement
from across the sector**

Written Evidence 57 orgs and individuals, inc. service providers, practitioners, national organisations, PCCs and Police Forces, academics, and other stakeholders.

Oral Evidence, 10 oral evidence sessions with providers, victims, restorative justice practitioners, academics, and advocacy groups.

FOI Data on funding levels for across different PCC areas.

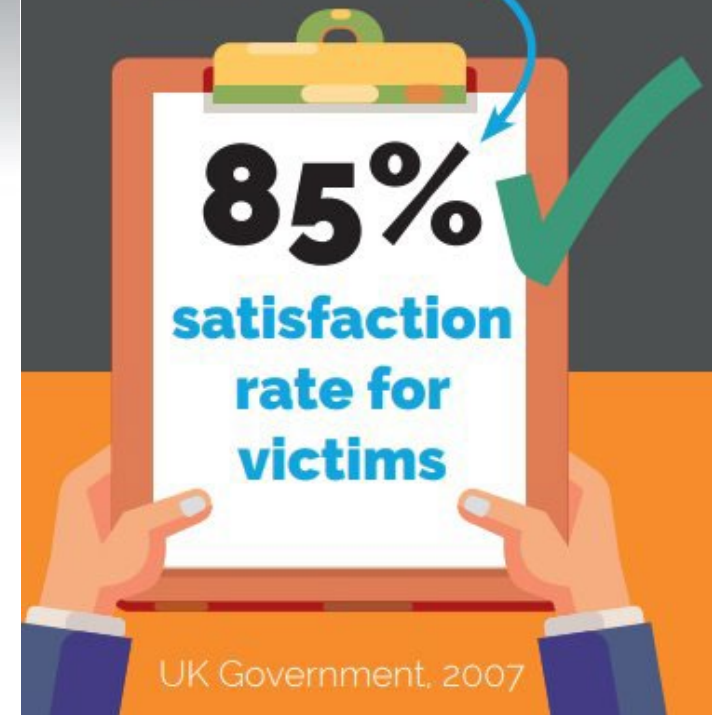
Previous Research, including the 2012 and 2017 government reviews of restorative justice



98% of offenders taking part in **restorative justice** stated that the process **directly increased their personal understanding of the impacts/harms caused by their offending**

RemediRestorative Services, 2021

The **Government** commissioned Shapland reports (2002 & 2007) found that restorative justice has an



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“ For every
£1 spent
on restorative justice,
on average
criminal justice
agencies **saved**

£8 ”



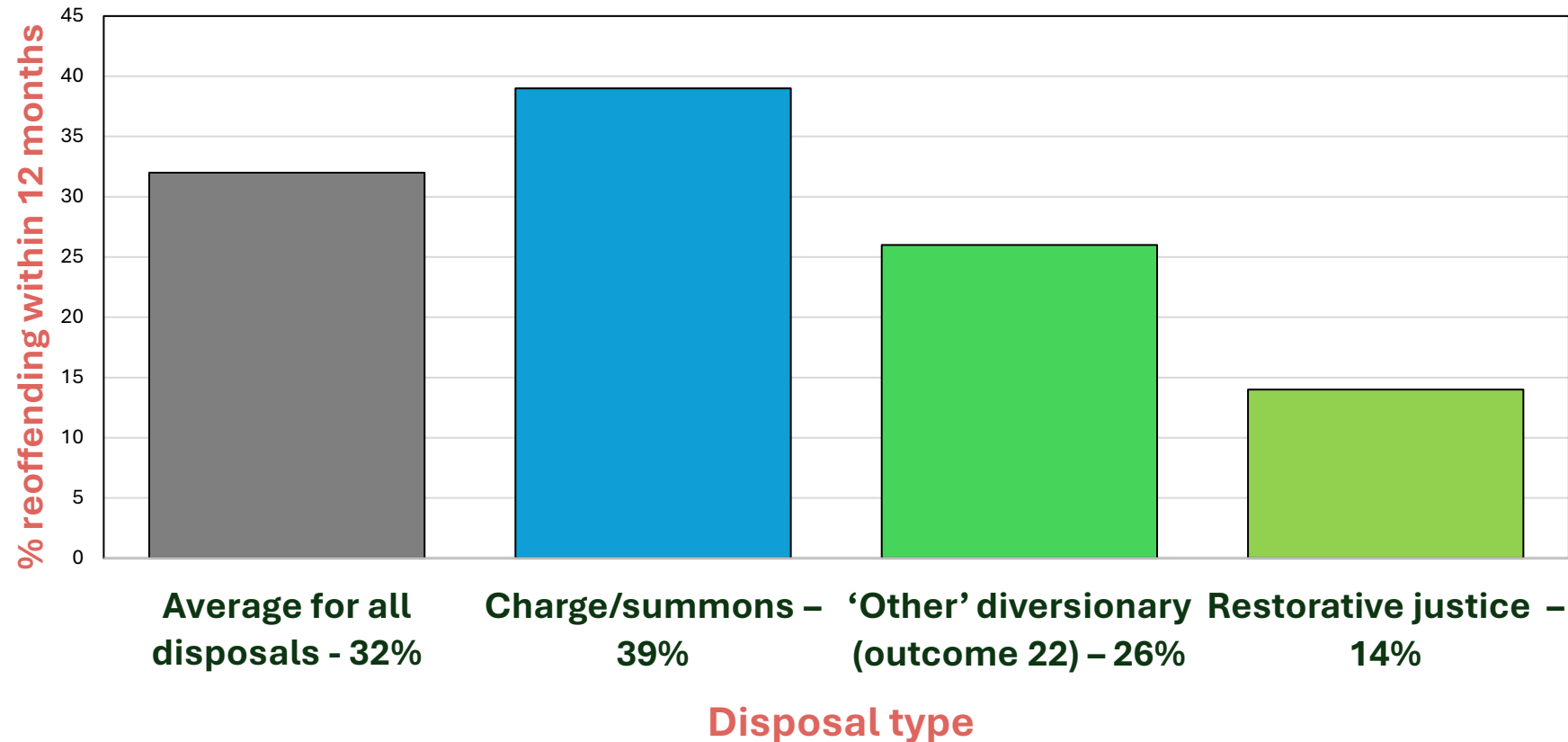
University of Sheffield, 2007



“ Why me?’s Valuing Victim report
(2020) found that over
**half of victims reported
improvements**
across the four outcome measures:
**being better able to cope with
aspects of life; having improved
health and wellbeing,
having increased
feelings of safety and feeling
better informed and empowered** ”

Why me?: 2020

Reoffending within 12 months by disposal type in an English Constabulary



36 months of police data up to early 2022

Reoffending = offender committing a crime having committed another crime within the last 365 days

Hobson et al (2022) [here](#)



Restorative Justice APPG Inquiry into Restorative Practices in 2021/2022

1. Registration of commissioned services

2. Standardise the sharing of information

3. Improving quality through effective monitoring and evaluation

4. Publication of a new Action Plan

5. Reviewing ring-fenced funding for RJ practices

6. Explore automatic rights for victims through the Victim's Law

7. End to blanket bans

8. More and better communications.

9. Government Minister with specific responsibility for RJ

Workstream 1

**Raising Practitioner Standards
within the criminal justice sector**

Workstream 3

**Implementing restorative
practices in education, health
and social care**

Workstream 2

**Opening up universal access to
Restorative Justice in the
Criminal Justice Sector**

Workstream 4

**Commissioning, collection, and
dissemination of evidence-based
research & the benefits of a national
reporting framework**

RJ in Prisons and probation in the UK

Work across prisons and probation in England and Wales – some as parts of embedded programmes some externally driven



‘Restorative Prisons’
([HMP Forest Bank](#))

Restorative programmes
([Sycamore tree](#))

Institutional agencies
([RE:Hub](#))

CPS guidance on the use of RJ: [here](#)



Key questions for England and Wales...

Knowledge and skills to refer/deliver RJ?

Who is delivering which aspects of the process – and what happens to victims not in the VCS?

What do we do about the “Postcode lottery” of RJ provision?

How can we work with RE:Hub as gatekeepers?

What about the growing use of RJ in OoCD/Rs?

