



MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Welcome to your June bulletin. This month we said farewell to Dr Kerry Clamp who has held the position of Chair of Trustees for the past 3 years. Kerry has made a significant contribution to the RJC during her tenure and leaves behind a stronger and more stable charity. We also said farewell to our Vice Chair, Tim Read. On behalf of the RJC's staff, trustees and members, I wish you both well for the future.

Our incoming Chair, Dr Gerard Drennan joined the Board on the 18th June. Gerard is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist in the NHS and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist who holds the post of Lead Consultant in Forensic and Offender Health, and Head of Psychology & Psychotherapy in the Behavioural & Developmental Psychiatric Operations Directorate of the South London & Maudsley Mental Health Foundation Trust.

Over the past decade Gerard has led projects to introduce restorative justice practice into mental health services and has published book chapters and journal articles on how health services can do more to recognise and address harm in the recovery journeys of all who are affected by trauma and adversity. I look forward to working closely with Gerard over the next 3 years.

Also this month, I have continued to work with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for restorative justice. I am privileged to have been appointed as Chair of the Advisory Board who will be supporting the APPG throughout their initial inquiry. You can read more about our progress [here](#). I hope you enjoy reading!

Best wishes and stay safe.

Jim Simon

Chief Executive Officer

LATEST NEWS

Restorative Solutions Kent & Medway Restorative Justice Service awarded Registered Service Provider status

We are pleased to announce that Restorative Solutions Kent & Medway Restorative Justice Service has been awarded Registered Service Provider status. As part of their registration, 5 practitioners were assessed against the RJC's Registered Practitioner Framework and have been awarded Registered Practitioner status.



The Kent & Medway Restorative Justice Service was launched in 2017 and covers the whole of the Kent and Medway area. Funded by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, the service works with victims and offenders of any age; bringing those harmed by crime and those responsible for the harm into communication with each other.

Jim Simon, the RJC's chief executive said:

“The Kent & Medway Restorative Justice Service and their Registered Practitioners have demonstrated through the registration process that they are committed to providing access to high quality, safe and effective restorative practice. I would like to congratulate Kent & Medway Restorative Justice Service's team on their achievement.”

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Howard League Community Awards

The Howard League Community Awards nomination deadline is approaching! Don't forget to submit your nomination by **Thursday 15th July**.

The Howard League invite projects to come forward and celebrate their work. Every year they hear about the most amazing schemes that are successfully preventing crime, keeping people out of the criminal justice system and supporting victims.

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2021 Victim's Survey will be closing on Monday 5 July

The Victims' Commissioner's [Victims' Survey](#) closes on Monday 5 July. If you, or someone you know, have been a victim of or reported a crime in England and Wales in the past 3 years, tell the Victims' Commissioner about your experience of the criminal justice system.

The Victims' Commissioner has created a video to encourage as many victims of crime in the past three years as possible to come forward to complete the survey.

[WATCH THE VIDEO HERE](#)

APPG UPDATE

The Restorative Justice All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) is launching an inquiry into the current state of Restorative Practices in England and Wales. It will seek to take evidence from key stakeholders and reflect on the 2012 and 2017 government priorities (as established then) to review how these are progressing and what changes need to be made to improve the quality and availability of restorative justice and practices.

The APPG inquiry will focus on 2 distinct areas; setting the scene and areas for discussion.

Setting the scene seeks to gather evidence from a broad range of organisations and settings who are either providing restorative justice services or are actively using restorative practices within their particular setting.

The questions within this particular section seek to identify where restorative justice and practices are being applied effectively but also where practice is not being applied effectively. Where this is the case, the APPG are keen to establish the barriers and blockages which have hindered progress.

The areas for discussion very much reflect on the 2012 and 2017 government priorities (as established then) to review how these are progressing and what changes are needed to improve the quality and availability of restorative justice and practices. The inquiry will focus on 3 key areas; access, capacity and awareness.

We are all aware that access remains an area of concern. The inquiry will focus on the disparity of funding and the potential impact this has on access to services. Additionally, it will focus on the disparity across PCC areas on the types of offence considered suitable for restorative justice. With support of the APPG Advisory Board, questions have

been formulated to identify where there are barriers to access and what can be done nationally to increase access and thus reduce the 'postcode lottery' for services.

Capacity was a priority reflected within both the government's 2012 and 2017 action plans.

Capacity is more than simply recruiting more people; we need to recruit the right people with the skills and knowledge to facilitate safely and effectively. For this reason, the inquiry will seek views on whether there should be a greater emphasis on the consistency of practice standards and, if so, how this should be monitored.

The inquiry will explore why the wider rollout of restorative justice practices within privately run prisons has not been reflected across the wider prison estate. They are keen to learn what can be learnt from these private prisons to increase capacity across all prisons.

Finally, the inquiry will focus on the issue of awareness. Evidence shows that public awareness of restorative justice remains low; in fact the 2020 crime statistics data showed that only 5.5% of victims with a known offender recalled being offered restorative justice. For this reason, the inquiry will be gathering evidence and views as to how this can be improved.

Alongside this, the inquiry will consider how data recording could be improved and whether there needs to be a nationally agreed framework which could be uniform across all regions and relevant authorities.

The inquiry is due to launch on the 5th July 2021, at this time we will circulate a copy of the full terms of reference. You can keep updated on the work of the APPG by following them on twitter: [@RJAPPG](https://twitter.com/RJAPPG)

We will also provide regular updates within our monthly bulletins.

RJC APPROVED COURSES



Whether you are just starting your restorative practitioner career or you are an experienced practitioner seeking continued professional development opportunities, selecting the right course is vital to ensuring high quality practice. You can be confident that by opting for an Approved Course, delivered by our [Registered Training Providers](#), your course meets our practice standards.

Restorative Justice Level 4 - Sensitive and Complex Cases

Delivered by | [Restorative Engagement Forum](#)

Start Date | 21 July 2021



Additional training for practitioners managing restorative cases involving Domestic Abuse or Sexual Harm.

Certificated 2-day online Restorative Justice level 4 - Complex and Sensitive Cases with Charlotte Calkin, director of Restorative

Engagement Forum covering the specific requirements of cases relating to Domestic Violence and Sexual Harm.

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Restorative Approaches Practitioner Training

Delivered by | [Salus](#)

Start Date | 22 September 2021



This dynamic 3-day training course looks at the use of restorative approaches to help promote positive relationships in a variety of settings. It explores the key themes of this approach and a range of skills to help prevent conflict from escalating. Attendees are also trained to deliver restorative conferences.

A restorative justice approach is a dynamic and exciting concept dealing with conflict at all levels and is currently being used in communities, schools, care homes, police service, prisons and youth offending services to great effect.

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FEATURED EVENTS



Event Date | 6th July 2021

Join us for our annual gathering where we come together to explore, deepen our understanding and introduce themes to cultivate meaningful restorative work in forensic mental health settings. This year we are exploring the impact of race and power in restorative work and, through our continued collaborative approach, champion access to restorative processes for victims of mental health offences. Thus, the focus of the 5th Annual Meeting of the Restorative Network in Forensic Mental Health is 'Exploring social justice restoratively in Forensic Mental Health'.

We have an extremely exciting list of confirmed speakers that are sure to stimulate debate and discussion in our effort to provide insight into how we might build stronger and more just societies together.

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Working restoratively with families



Event Date | 15th July 2021

This 3 hour workshop explores the dynamics of conflict within family settings and how practitioners can help to facilitate difficult conversations in the home. It covers the role of restorative language for de-escalation and provides a simple scripted model for a 'restorative family conversation.'

Aims

- To explore the dynamics of conflict in family settings
- To understand the basic principles of a restorative process
- To gain some key skills in preparing and facilitating a family conversation
- To consider what additional support may be needed for families in conflict

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For more information

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Restorative Chats How to Make Them Work - Free Taster Session

Delivered by | Restorative Justice 4 Schools

Start Date | 13 July 2021

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Restorative approaches to Feedback, Accountability and Challenge

Delivered by | Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date | 29 July 2021

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VACANCIES

Restorative Practitioner

Employer | Remedi

Location | South Yorkshire

Closing Date | 5 July 2021

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Development Officer

Employer | Belong

Location | Home based

Closing Date | 16 July 2021

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Become a Member

Anyone can become a member of the Restorative Justice Council. We are the independent, national voice for restorative justice in the United Kingdom. Our constitutional objectives are to promote restorative justice for the public benefit as a means of resolving conflict and promoting reconciliation by:

- A. Promoting the use of restorative justice in the criminal justice system, in schools, in the workplace and elsewhere in the community in situations where conflict may arise
- B. Developing and promoting agreed standards and principles for evaluating and guiding restorative practice
- C. Advancing education and research on restorative justice and the publication of the useful results of that research

Membership brings along with it many benefits including:

- Access to the RJC's quarterly publication *Resolution* and an opportunity to promote your own work within it
- Networking opportunities with academics, researchers and practitioners from the UK and beyond
- Reduced fees for RJC conferences and seminars
- Ability to nominate for the RJC Annual Award for exceptional contribution to the field
- Exclusive access to the member's section of the website
- A voice in the decision-making of the RJC

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About us

About the RJC

The Restorative Justice Council (RJC) is the independent third sector membership body for the field of restorative practice. It provides quality assurance and a national voice advocating the widespread use of all forms of restorative practice, including restorative justice. The RJC's vision is of a restorative society where everyone has access to safe, high quality restorative practice wherever and whenever it is needed.

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