

# Supporting Victims in Hampshire



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**Welcome to the May  
2025 RJ Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight newsletter**

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## RJ 2024-2025

Number of referrals received - **364**

Number of victims who were contacted by the service - **296**

Number of RJ processes facilitated - **251**

There was a **6% increase** in referrals in 2024-2025.

## Mediation 2024-2025 Service Updates

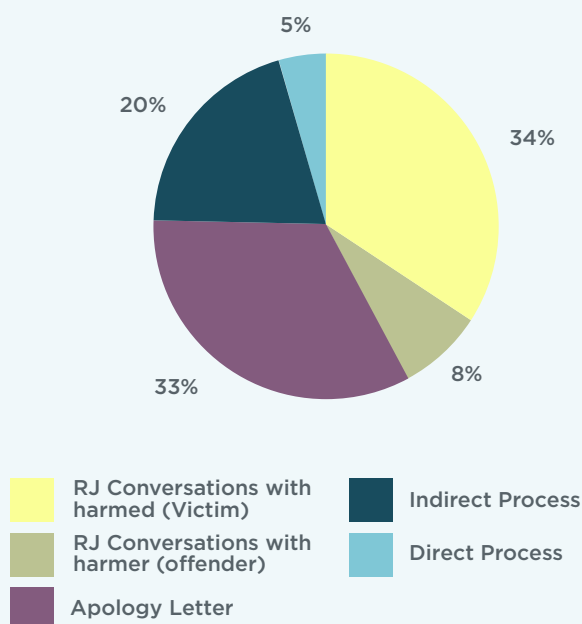
The service continues to advance working relationships with our sub-contracted mediation providers: New Forest Mediation (NFS) and Portsmouth Mediation Service (PMS), with RJ Hampshire facilitating mediation in East Hampshire.

- **39%** increase in referrals received in 2024-2025.

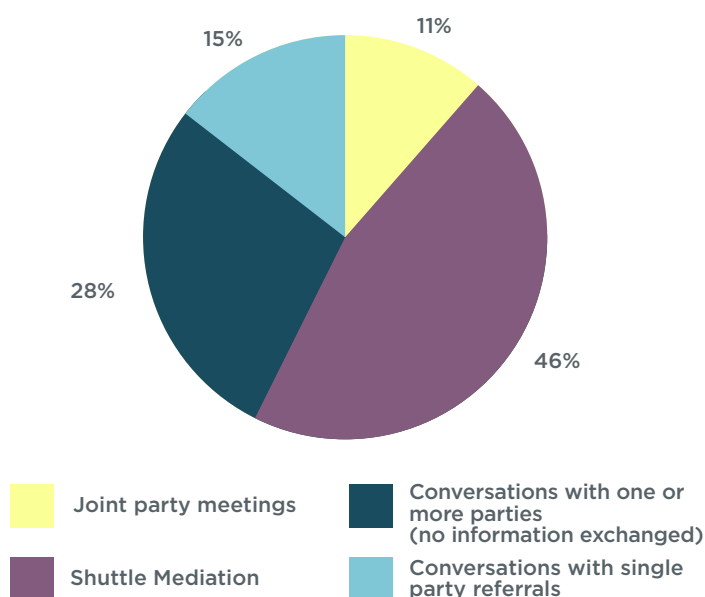
- **128** referrals received

- **96** mediation processes facilitated

Restorative Justice Processes Facilitated



Mediation Processes Facilitated





# Advanced Practitioner Status

Lead Practitioners Laura Barclay and Simon Mason have achieved advanced practitioner status with the Restorative Justice council. An advanced practitioner is the highest recognised reward from the RJC and is achieved by facilitating serious and complex cases – well done Laura and Simon!

Furthermore, the service has again achieved Registered Service Provider status. Being awarded registered status demonstrates that the team are facilitating high-quality, safe and effective restorative practice.



## Upcoming engagement events Planning

After a successful meeting to plan upcoming engagement events, the team enjoyed an away day and took a harbour tour around Portsmouth!



### Alex McCaffrey – Programmes Coordinator

My name is Alex McCaffrey, and I joined Restorative Solutions in February as the Programmes Coordinator.

I have 20 years of social care experience, with 13 years in the Criminal Justice System, previously working as a Senior Recovery Worker for Hampshire Integrated Offender Management.

I was drawn to working in Restorative Justice as it deeply aligns with my values. It is a way of working that humanises everyone involved – those that have caused harm, those that have been harmed and the wider community. Restorative Justice is an evidence-based approach that repairs the harm done by crime, empowers victims, and reduced recidivism. I'm excited to contribute to this approach and be part of the Restorative Solutions team.

# Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Course

As of 1st April 2025 the service is now facilitating the Anti-Social Behaviour and Restorative Justice Awareness courses as a condition on a Conditional Caution. As part of the course, the victim is contacted and given the opportunity to discuss the impact the offence has had on them, and to engage in a Restorative Justice process if they wish.

The offender completes a free, two-hour one to one course which encourages them to consider the impact of ASB on the victim/s and the wider community through case studies and discussion. The offender can hear the impact the offence had on the victim/s, and they will be offered a restorative justice process.

## Save the Date!

### Wednesday 19th November 2025

We are excited to announce that as part of Restorative Justice Week this year (17th – 23rd November), we will be holding a free conference to give you the opportunity to hear from victims who have been through a restorative justice process.

We think there is nothing like hearing from people who have a lived experience of RJ, and we hope you will be able to join us. A link to book tickets along with further information will be sent out soon.

SAVE THE DATE

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# Case Study

## Indirect Process for a Theft offence

The offender was referred into the service by his Community Offender Manager (COM). During our initial meeting with the offender he was able to share information about the offence and what was happening for him at that time, how he felt about his actions and that he would like the opportunity to try and repair some of the harm caused.

We made contact with the victim who explained what had happened and that he was still irritated by the offence as he had offered the offender a place to stay and he had then stolen his TV and some silver photo frames which had pictures of his children in them. The hardest thing was knowing that he would not get those pictures back.

The victim wanted some reassurance from the offender about how they would react if they were to see each other again. He wanted to know whether the offender had learnt anything from his time in prison and what he was doing to change his behaviour moving forward.

We met with the offender via video link and he was able to respond to those questions / thoughts and agreed to share this with the victim.

The victim gave the following feedback “It’s (RJ) been brilliant. It helped me address in the back of my mind how I’d react if I came into contact with him again. It improved my thinking”. He shared the RJ process had improved his wellbeing, and his ability to move on from the offence.

**The offender said he found the process supportive and encouraging, and that his wellbeing had also improved.**








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If you would like to receive an input about Restorative Justice please get in contact with us. We can be flexible in the time and duration of our inputs and we have free literature to hand out. Also, if there is any content that you would like to see in the next edition, please email us your ideas.

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