



The Experience of Men of Restorative Justice for Sexual Violence Offences in England and Wales

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Background to the study

Masters Completed - 1991

The search for PhD research

Vicky's Story

Research Proposal

Study commenced October 2019



Literature Review

Arguments for using RJ with Sexual Violence Offenders

AGAINST

- Coercion and control
- Manipulation

FOR

- Victims voice heard
- Empowerment



Other Findings

Lack of
evidence
base

Victim
Studies

None from
male offender
perspective



Sexual Violence

- ▶ Prevalence - October 2021 to September 2022 - England & Wales
 - ▶ 70,633 offences of rape
 - ▶ 128,388 other sexual offences

- ▶ Convictions - April 2021 to March 2022
 - ▶ 9409 successful prosecutions
 - ▶ 57% convicted of rape pleaded guilty
 - ▶ 87% of other sexual offences pleaded guilty

- ▶ Crime Survey - ending March 2022
 - ▶ Only 5.5% recall being offered RJ



Scoping Study with RJ practitioners (July 2020 to August 2020)

- Qualtrics – electronic survey circulated by RJC and Why Me
- N = 49
- Govt Offence classification Index
- Questions:
 - ▶ Quantify referrals and interventions – why they were unable to do this
 - ▶ Type of offences they had used RJ for
 - ▶ Types of intervention used

Results

Inconsistency of responses

Inability to supply accurate data

RJ being used by all providers who responded

RJ being used across a broad range of sexual offences

Full report - Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice (July 2023)



Semi-structured interviews with practitioners (April 2021 to August 2021)

MS Teams

Participants

Interviews (15)

Results

RJ being used across a broad range of offences

Attitude of RJ providers to using RJ for SV

Importance of multi-agency work

Skills and qualities of RJ facilitators

Impact of re:hub



Face to Face interviews with men convicted of Sexual Offences in England & Wales (commenced March 2023)

- Ethical Permissions
- 4 interviews to date
- Results - emerging findings



Future Work

- ▶ Complete write up of interviews with practitioners
- ▶ Complete interviews with men of sexual convictions
- ▶ Write up of interviews with men
- ▶ Cold calling
- ▶ Write up thesis including recommendations for future policy and practice



Questions?