Restorative Policing - Tackling Neighbourhood Priorities

"Doing The Right Thing Through Positive Conversations"

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Neighbourhood Crime

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality…To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

R. Buckminster Fuller 1895- 1983

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The Existing Reality

- Crime fallen considerably but public not feeling the impact
- Less than 50% of public confident police and local councils are dealing with the crime and ASB that matters locally
- CJS centrally led not at community level – leading to deep discontent

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The Challenge

- How to deliver on these ‘opposing’ views;
  - “(The public) want to know that there are consequences, and not pleasant ones, for people who break the law”
    and
  - “We have to celebrate two things: reducing re-offending and, secondly, reintegrating people positively back into their communities”
    and
  - “feelings of anger and revenge, however understandable, serve further to dislocate our ability to relate to one another as humans”

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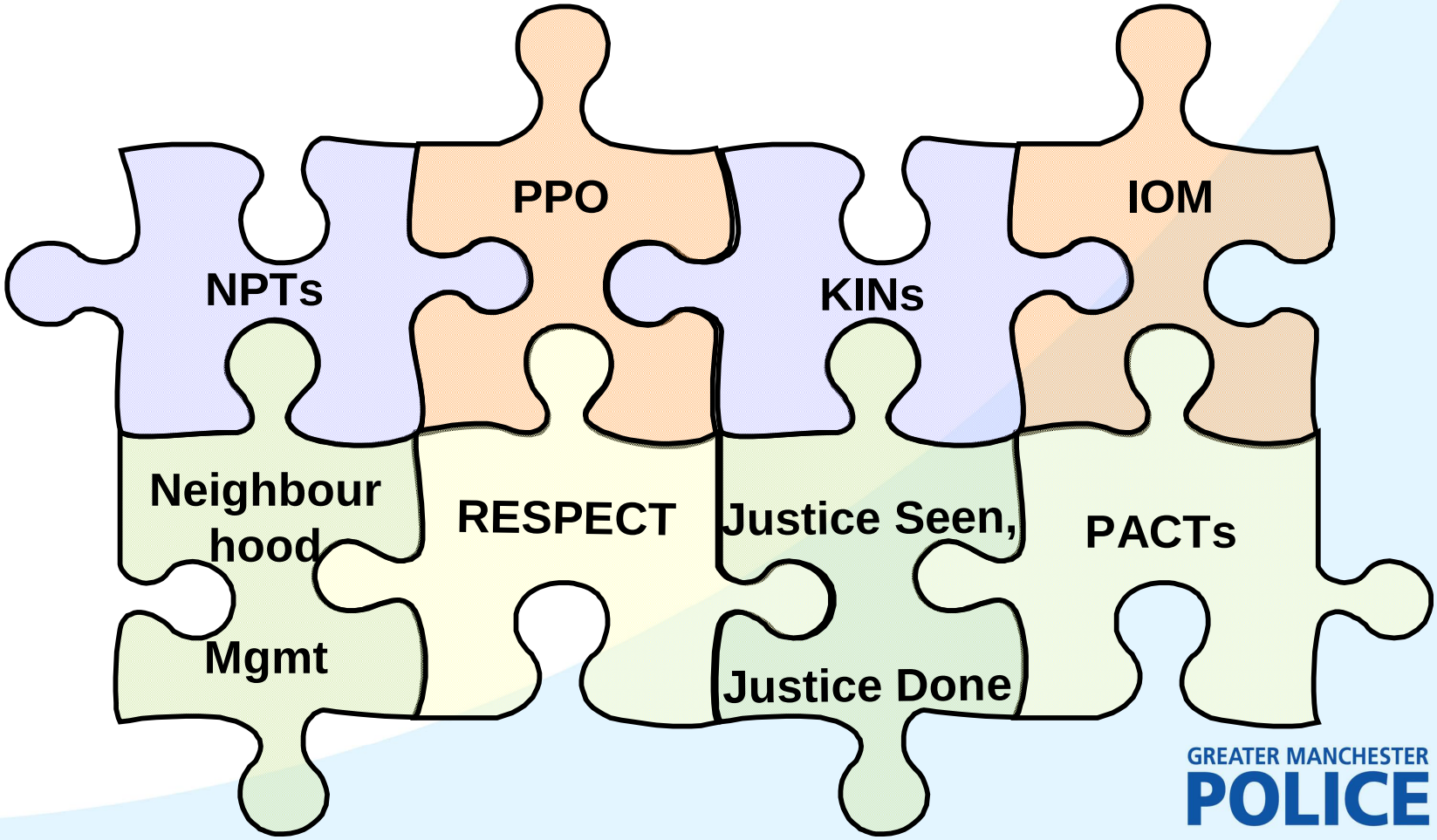
What works?



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Restorative Justice

"Rather than privileging the law, professionals and the state, restorative justice engages those who are harmed, wrongdoers and their affected communities in search of solutions that promote repair, reconciliation and the rebuilding of relationships…to re-establish mutual responsibility for constructive responses to wrongdoing within our communities."

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Neighbourhood Justice

A Positive Conversation

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Restorative Policing – a new paradigm for neighbourhood justice

- Collectively healing the responses to crime and wrong-doing
- Aims to meet the needs of victims, offenders and communities – empowering communities
- Recognises that the real needs created by crime are different from revenge or payback

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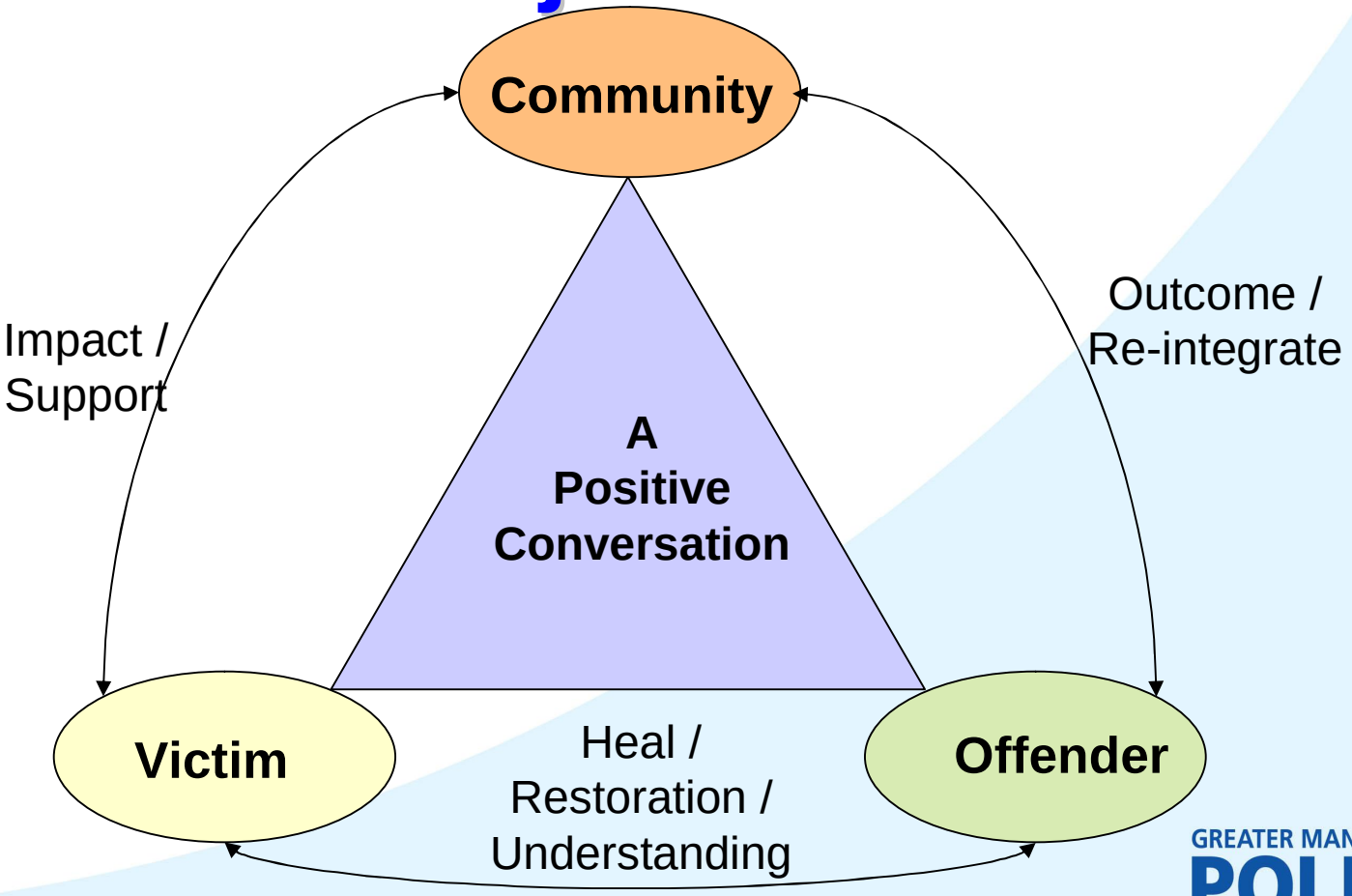
Restorative Policing – a new paradigm for neighbourhood justice



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Restorative Justice & Policing

- Growing demand – over 6000 officers trained last year alone
- Youth Restorative Disposals embedded in 12 forces
- In leading forces 4% of crime being dealt by means of a restorative intervention
- Restorative Approaches in Neighbourhoods (RAiN)
- A holistic approach to offending
- Enthusiastically embraced by officers as a ‘return to common sense policing’
- Complements a shifting performance focus from hard targets to single overarching public confidence target

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What can RJ contribute?

- has been shown to reduce re-offending
- has significant cost benefits, increases efficiency and use of resources
- delivers the outcomes the victims want
- returns officer discretion
- allows officers to spend more time on the street dealing with more serious crime and reduces bureaucracy
- stronger and more confident communities
- improved victim satisfaction by directly engaging the affected parties in the disposal.

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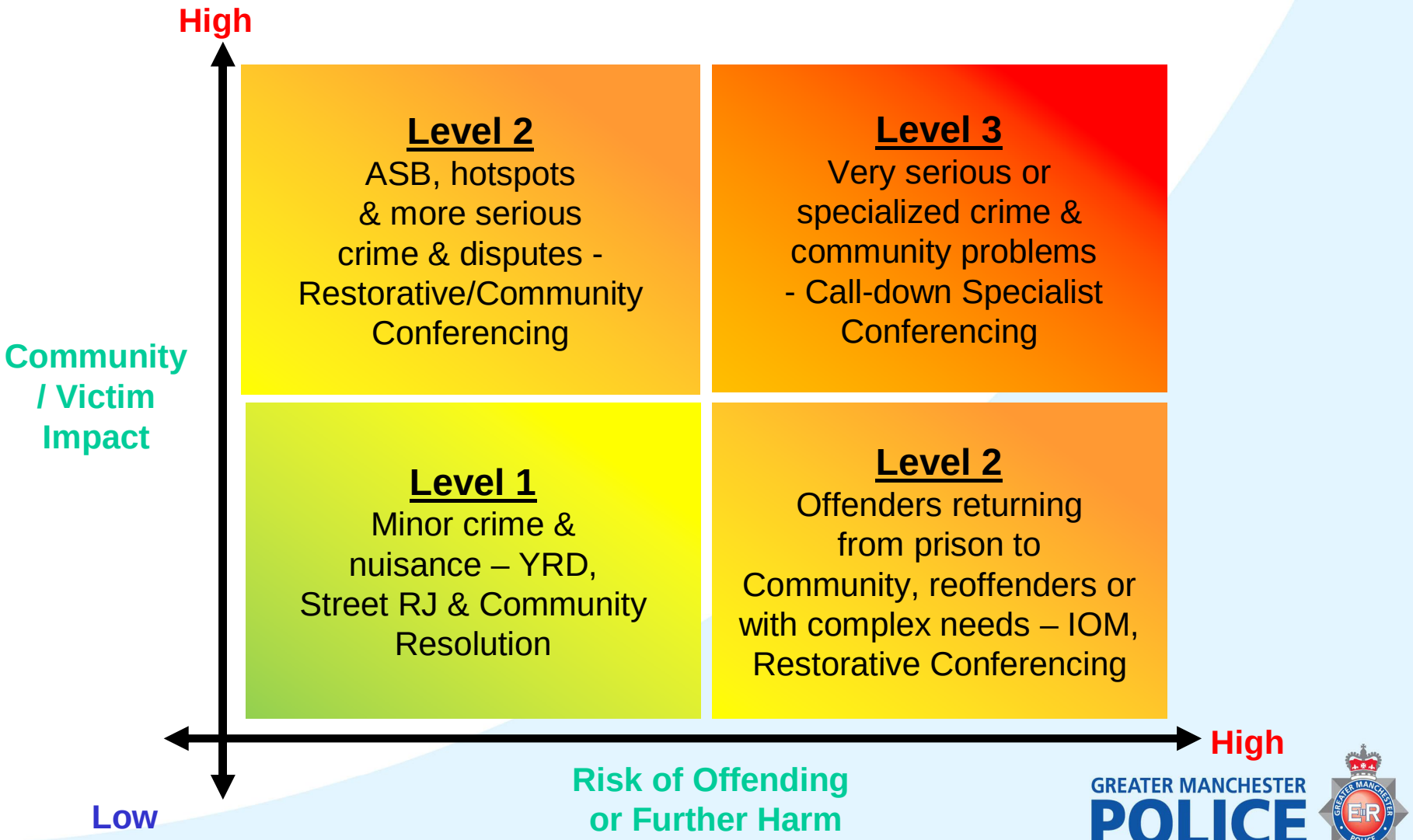
The Restorative Continuum



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Neighbourhood Justice Outcomes

(i)SET THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PRIORITIES

(ii)SET THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PRIORITIES

(iii)DELIVER THE INTERVENTION

(iv)FEEDBACK AT NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING

✓ ***Justice Seen, Justice Done***

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Neighbourhood Justice Outcomes - Norfolk

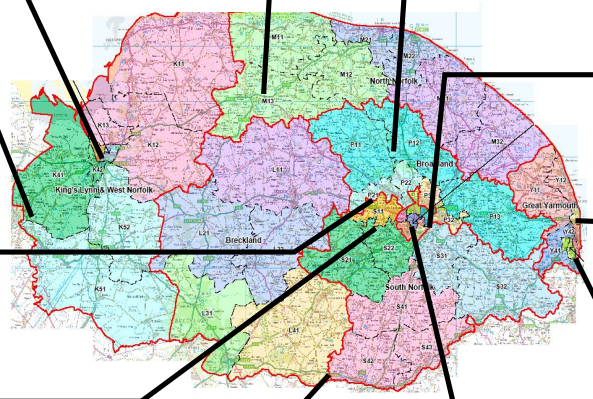
Litter Picking at Sheltered Housing

Car Washing on Fund Raising Days

Gardening at a Hospice

Help Maintaining the Skate Park

Assisting Graffiti Cleaning Team



Coffee Mornings with 'Age Concern'

Helping on Outings for Carers Assoc.

Refurbishing War Memorial

Beach Cleaning

Working in a Charity Shop

Help in Salvation Army Kitchen

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Policing and RJ – Success Factors

- Providing good, local information to the public
- Increased community involvement in priority setting
- Professional attitude of staff
- Targeted early proactive intervention with the young
- Adopting a problem solving approach with partners
- Responsiveness – prompt and helpful
- Targeting of crime and ASB ‘Hotspots’

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Restorative Policing & NHP

- Value-driven policing
- Equipping officers with the mediation and facilitation skills
- Placing officers at the heart of dealing with crimes, victims and offenders that have greatest impact
- Engaging and involving communities in crime prevention and control
- Aligning problem solving and offender management
- Justice Reinvestment

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