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The Sentencing Green Paper

- RJ for adult offenders – as a diversion from caution, diversion from prosecution, and pre-sentence
- RJ for young offenders – building on the Referral Order Panel by learning from Northern Ireland Youth Conferencing
- 'Restorative Police Action' and piloting Community Justice Panels

"We will ensure that criminals make amends for their crimes and better repair the harm they have caused to victims and society as a whole."

- No mention in the Education White Paper *The Importance of teaching* – a missed opportunity

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Cost-savings from Restorative Practice

- Restorative Justice delivered for 70,000 victims of serious offences could, using the Government's own data, deliver £600 million savings over two years, through reductions in recidivism and changes in sentencing patterns [See www.victimsupport.org.uk/About us/News/2010/11/Sentencing Report]
- There are 7,000 permanent exclusions from school every year. Restorative Practice if used in all schools, could reduce exclusions by 81%, leading to £368 million savings to the DfE in one year only.

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Wider policy issues for the response to the Green Paper

- **Payment by results** – the model should include the results for victims and communities to really capture the benefits of RJ
- **Legislative change** needed to develop NI style restorative justice here; and bring RJ into the mainstream for adult offenders
- **Quality** needs to be maintained - to ensure we're rolling out what works.

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