

## An Evaluation of Restorative Justice in North Yorkshire

### Updated Summary of may Evaluation Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby

September 2009

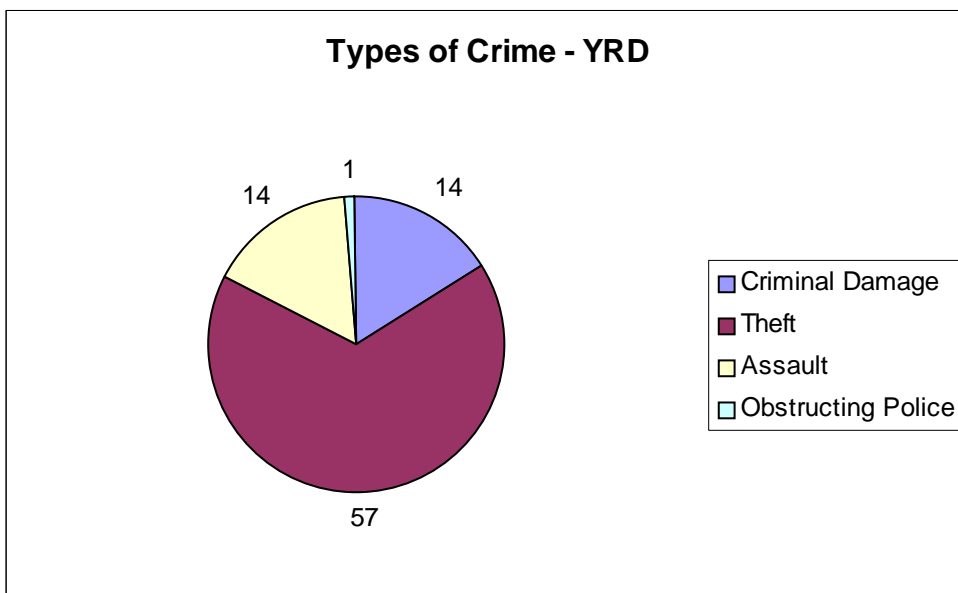
#### Summary of Outcomes of Pilot

Start 9<sup>th</sup> February to f 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### **Numbers of Cases 86**

As of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 86 recorded offences have been dealt with by way of Restorative Justice

- 57 Theft
- 14 Criminal Damage
- 1 Obstruct Police
- 14 Assaults



**Gender**

Of the 86 cases 48 were male, 38 were female.

This is similar to other Restorative Justice pilots and to National First time Entrant figures

**Age**

Age	Number
10	4
11	5
12	15
13	21
14	13
15	16
16	9
17	4

**Re offending**

Re-Offending rate within 3 months 2 cases 2.2%

Re-Offending rate within 6 months 6 cases 6.2%

**Benchmark Cohort**

In 07/08 the re offending rate for the 199 First Time Entrants in North Yorkshire was:

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Re-Offending rate within 3 months 7.8%

Re-Offending rate within 6 months 14.0%

Re-Offending rate within 9 months 19.0%

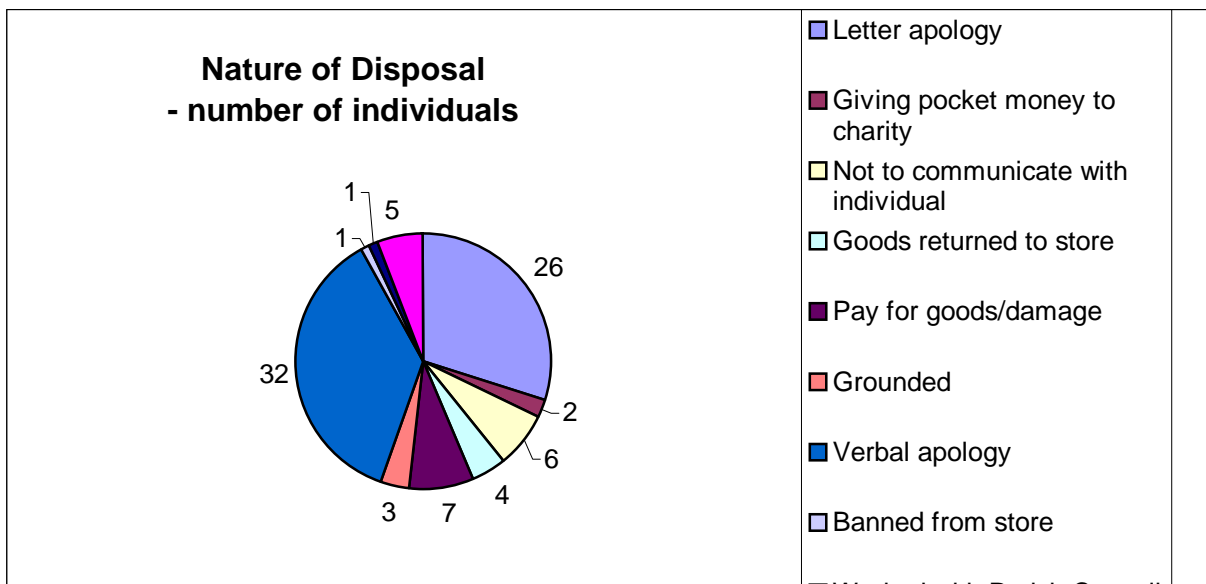
Re-Offending rate within 12 months 24.0%

**Victim Satisfaction**

In the early evaluation report 100% of the 32 cases examined supported the process and were satisfied with the police action.

Additionally further evaluation in other forces of victim satisfaction discovered

	<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
Feel safe in my community	42%	80%
Were able to put the incident behind them	18%	73%
Felt anger towards offender	54%	18%
Was scared of offender	20%	0%
Understood why it happened	9%	46%



**Officer Time and cost savings**

In the May evaluation Restorative Disposals had taken an average of 2.3 hours to complete.

In those cases the estimated Criminal Justice process would have taken 6.0 hours

## **TYS Referrals**

Of the 86 cases 11 cases have been referred to TYS.

Initially only 2 were referred in the few months. This was less than expected so some work has been done to educate staff about the role of TYS and the support they can offer. In the last month there has been a significant increase with 7 referrals being made.

## **Media**

A media strategy has been created and with a number of press statements being made in August 2009.

This was followed up by one radio interview and two press articles by local press. All media reports have been positive and supportive of the scheme.

One reason for this is that we were able to provide to press details of victims and offenders families who were willing to speak about there experience and positive impact it has had.

## **Good news stories**

Attached at appendix A are the latest good news stories from victims and offenders.

e.g.

Community centre that gave the child back his %0.00 he paid them for damaging an outside light.

The Store detective who once opposed the process keenly supporting it and recently writing to an offender thanking them for their letter of apology

## **National Developments**

There are 8 National Pilots supported by the Home Office and LCJB that started in May 2008

In these pilots 4000 children have been dealt with by way of YRD.

In these pilots YRD's were allowed to be counted as Sanction Detections.

Those pilots end in October 2009. A full evaluation report will be published in late 2009.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September .NYP officers visited the National Restorative Justice Team in London to discuss North Yorkshires process.

It has highlighted a number of key elements of success for North Yorkshire which will now contribute to the formal evaluation of the National Pilots and supports some of the recommendations the evaluation report will submit to the government in Spring 2009.

They are

We allow a YRD even if a person has been previously subject to Reprimand, Final Warning or Court.

The ability of officers to immediately contact and utilise Targeted Youth Support (TYS) to support the process.

