

Freedom of Information Publication Scheme



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REQUEST TITLE:	Number of Cases to Restorative Solutions
DATE RANGE:	2017-2019
INFORMATION REQUESTED:	Please outline the criteria applied by the Police for referring a case to Restorative Solutions? How many such cases are referred annually and what percentage result in a meeting between the accused and the accuser?
DISCLOSURE WITH EXEMPTIONS:	Full Disclosure
INFORMATION CORRECT AS AT:	24.04.20
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RELATED DOCUMENTS:	N/A

FOI 14405 RESPONSE

Having completed enquiries within Essex Police in respect of Section 1(1)(a), Essex Police does hold information relating to your request, Essex Police can confirm in respect of Section 1(1)(b) the following data:

Please outline the criteria applied by the Police for referring a case to Restorative Solutions?

We have assumed this relates to the Essex Restorative and Mediation Hub and not Restorative Solutions.

Criteria: The offence and / or victim must reside in Essex, and there has to be a willing victim AND offender who wish to engage in restorative justice or mediation. This can relate to any crime and any outcome, so long as there is a clear victim (i.e. victim cannot be 'the public').

How many such cases are referred annually and what percentage result in a meeting between the accused and the accuser?

We have assumed that this is based on all referrals, not just Police:

In 2017 we had 388 referrals, of which 120 (31%) had a successful outcome (direct or indirect); 31 (8%) of these were a direct meeting.

In 2018 we had 376 referrals, of which 136 (36%) had a successful outcome (direct or indirect); 29 (8%) of these were direct meetings.

In 2019 we had 362 referrals, of which 89 (25%) had a successful outcome (direct or indirect); 25 (7%) these were direct meetings.

Please note that we still have active cases, therefore, these numbers may increase.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data provided by Essex Police is accurate and complete. However, Essex Police systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the purposes of providing data to answer specific FOI enquiries. Please note although data can be extracted from a number of sources via database queries, the results may be subject to inaccuracies. Care should be taken to understand our return when considering the interpretation or further use of the data.

You may also find the below links of interest:

<http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/priorities-for-essex/restorative-justice/>

<https://www.restorativeessex.co.uk/>