

**“RJ on a tight budget – making it happen, feeling the benefits”**

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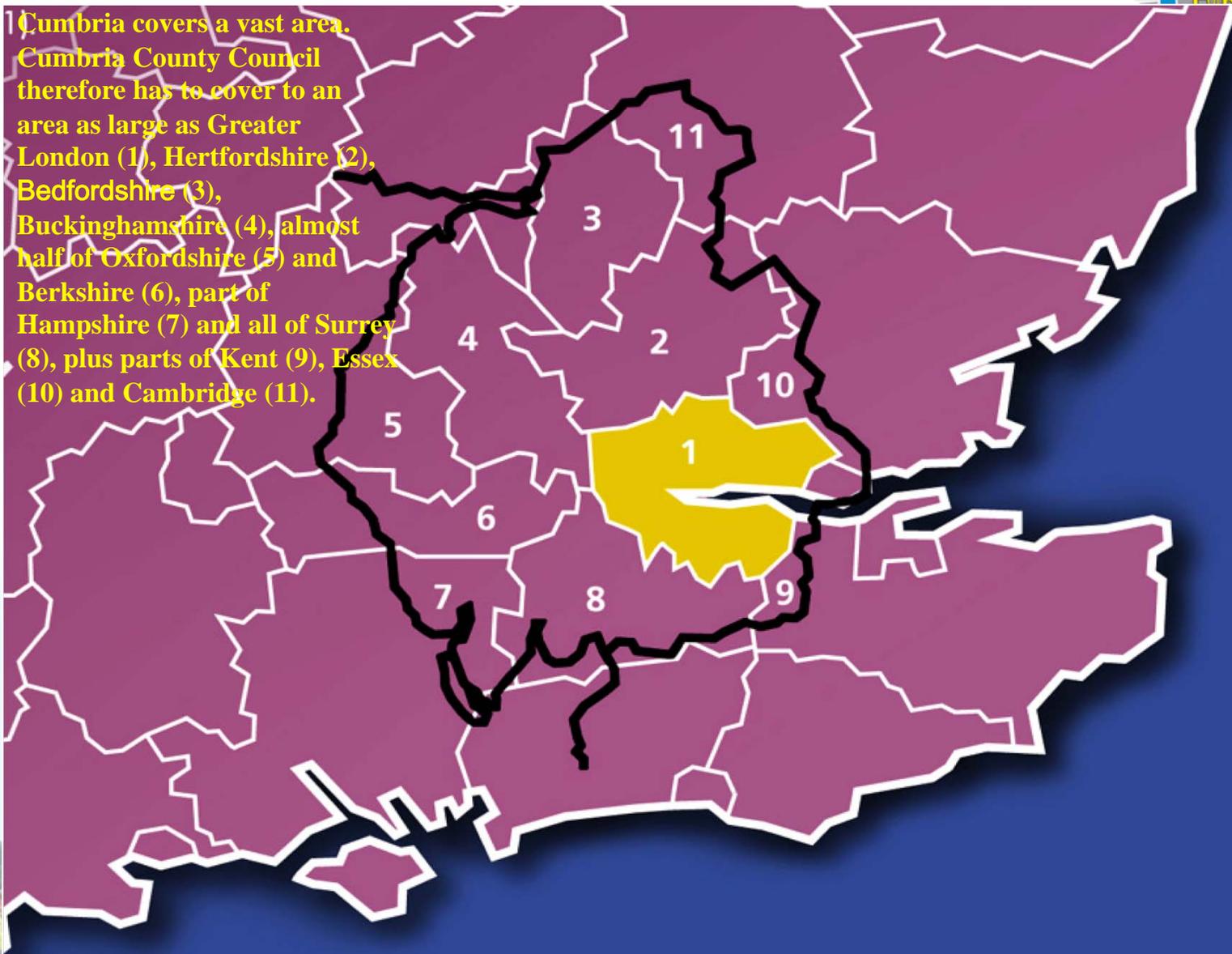
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# FACTORS AFFECTING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP



Cumbria covers a vast area. Cumbria County Council therefore has to cover to an area as large as Greater London (1), Hertfordshire (2), Bedfordshire (3), Buckinghamshire (4), almost half of Oxfordshire (5) and Berkshire (6), part of Hampshire (7) and all of Surrey (8), plus parts of Kent (9), Essex (10) and Cambridge (11).



# Making it happen



In 2006 a Restorative Justice pilot project was developed as part of Cumbria’s Prevention Program.

The primary aim was to use Restorative Justice in Schools to:-

- Reduce offending behaviour
- Reduce exclusion of children from education
- Work with young people displaying disruptive / anti-social behaviour

Initially the pilot worked well offering some positive outcomes for those involved and as a result the service expanded into South Cumbria. However this placed demands on the service and it was clear that a review of the pilot was needed.



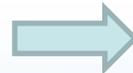
## Areas of Change

Restorative Justice focuses on specific criminal offences.



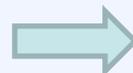
Restorative Practice - is not confined to formal criminal offences, it applies to all areas where conflict and harm have occurred.

External agency led approach – ‘doing For’



The need to ‘Work With’ agencies to help them respond to their problems.

Youth OFFENDING Service emphasis



Restorative Practices in Cumbria – a service within a service.



## After the review

The new focus of the service was to work with agencies providing them with the skills they need to work with young people displaying disruptive behaviour, reduce offending / anti-social behaviour and to reduce the exclusion of young people.

This involves working with schools and other agencies to provide training support and guidance in Restorative Practice and to encourage all our partners to adopt restorative practices as a way of working with young people and their communities on a daily basis.



# Making it happen



- Background cont;
  - 2006/9 LAA target – reducing FTEs
    - *Required to include Youth Crime Target;*
    - *Reduce the number of young people who were entering CJS*
    - *To stretch from an overall 9%, to an overall 15% reduction on the First Time Entrants (FTEs) in Cumbria based on the 2005-06 cohort.*

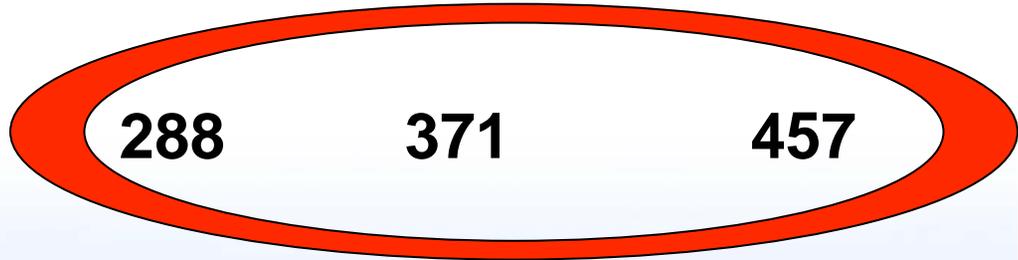


# Making it happen (analysis)



- YOS - FTEs

	County	West	North	South
TOTALS 05/06	1374	402	402	570
TOTALS 06/07	1116	288	371	457
TOTALS 07/08	957	300	290	367



**-30.3%**

**-25.4%**

**-27.9%**

**-35.6%**





# Making it happen (analysis)



- Who are FTEs?

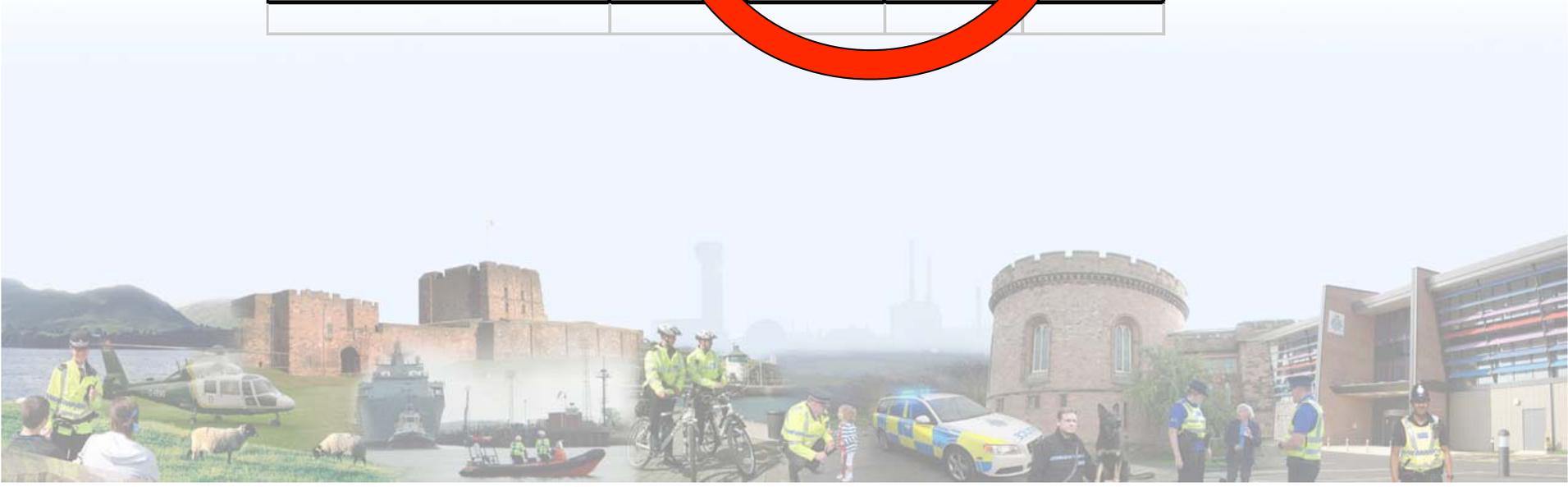
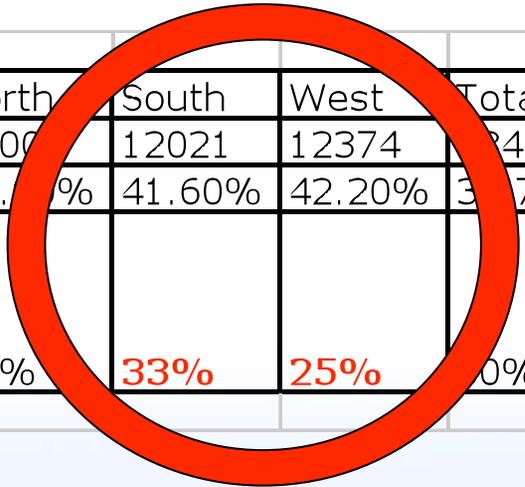


# Making it happen (analysis)



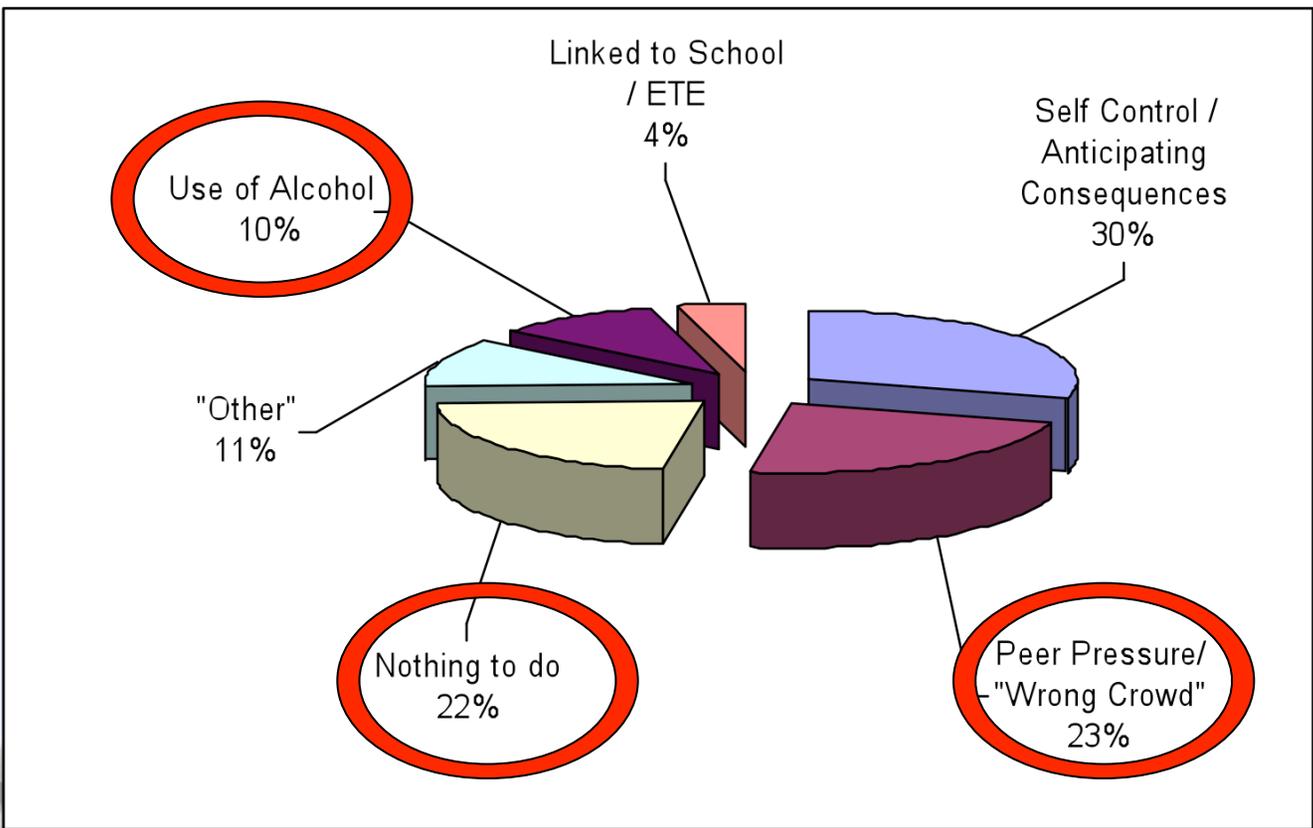
- What did the research of police data and crime files reveal?

	North	South	West	Total
No. Of Crimes	1400	12021	12374	2400
Sanction Detection Rate	35.70%	41.60%	42.20%	38.70%
% of all Sanction Detections that were committed by U18yr olds	32%	33%	25%	30%



# Making it happen

## “WHY I GOT INTO TROUBLE”



# Making it happen (Response)



Multi agency problem solving event – Feb '08

- SCHOOLS
- PARENTS
- COLLABORATIVE WORKING
- PUBLIC PERCEPTION
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE / ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS



# Making it happen (Response)



## Budget / costs

- Nothing from YJB or MOJ
- YOS 'prevention budget' made available in Cumbria – aligned to LAA and FTE stretch target



# Making it happen (Response)



## Budget / costs

### Police training

- YRD project - Training provided by competitor to I.I.R.P (£1900 per day)
- One day course; 3 events; 105 individuals;
- Sustainability – train the trainers (4)
- RJ Champions - 3 day facilitators course (11)



# Agencies now using Restorative Practice



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Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Special Schools	Colleges
EWO's	Integration Officers	PRU's	Residential Schools
Residential Community Homes	Fire Service	Police SSP & RliC (Restorative Intervention in Cumbria)	Social Housing Providers



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# Feeling the benefits



- YOS - FTEs

	County	West	North	South
TOTALS 07/08	957	300	290	367
TOTALS 08/09	854	290	310	254
TOTALS 09/10	671	222	293	156

**-29.9%**

**-26%**

**1%**

**-57.50%**



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# Feeling the benefits



## Police - reducing reoffending

- The YRD was more effective at reducing reoffending than a simple Reprimand, and
- Reoffending rates were lower in YRD recipients



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Category	Number from cohort with no previous offence	Number from cohort Who offended after		Number of offences committed after	Rate of reoffending (offences per reoffender)
<b>Reprimand</b>	114	41	<b>36%</b>	113	<b>2.8</b>
<b>YRD</b>	76	11	<b>14%</b>	26	<b>2.4</b>



# Feeling the benefits



## Crime reduction

- The Under 18 offender group in South BCU reduced by 19% in the two years of the YRD project, the most significant reduction of the three BCUs when compared against overall crime reduction in BCUs
- Youth on Youth crime fell by 39.6% during the same period



# Feeling the benefits



## Detections

- There was no visible impact on Sanctions Detections – constant 37% in South BCU in years 07/08 (year before YRD), 08/09 & 09/10 (two years since introduction of YRD)

## Victim Satisfaction

- Better than CJB data



# Feeling the benefits

## Police – Efficiency savings

- Efficiency Savings - 255 YRD files in two years in South BCU. Average time taken to complete YRD = 1 hours (local and shared national experience) against between 5 & 8 hours to investigate and complete a simple reprimand file = saving of 5.5 hours per file.
- 255 files x 5.5 x £19.91 = **£27,923.78**

**OR**

- YRD calculated saving of £426 x 255 = **£108,630**



# Feeling the benefits



- Cost Benefits (Police);

£27,923.78

£23,184.30

Savings in staff time =

**MINUS** Total cost for training =

**= £4,736.48**



# Feeling the benefits



- Cost Benefits (Police);

Savings on YRD figures = £108,630.00

**MINUS** Total cost for training = £23,184.30

**= £85,445.70**



# Making it happen (Response)



## Budget / costs

- Total police spend in pilot area April 2008 to end of March 2010 = £23,184.30
- Total police budget April 2008 to end of March 2010 = £200 million
- Cost of RJ in pilot area as a % = 0.011%



# Lessons learnt / key success factors



- Be patient - it takes time to change a culture
- Start small – learn what works locally, slowly
- Put a local context on success
- Maintain the quality of training
- Invest in local ‘champions’ or ‘evangelists’



# Closing comments / Any questions



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