



‘Standards in and Accreditation  
of Restorative Practices:  
Are they a Blessing or a Curse?’

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## GROUP EXERCISE

Do we/why do we  
need standards and  
accreditation in  
Restorative Practice?



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What are the threats and opportunities to restorative practice offered by the introduction of standards and accreditation systems ?



## GROUP EXERCISE

What are the minimum key elements that need to be measured to ensure safe practice?



# Key documents informing UK Restorative Practice Standards

- ❑ Restorative Justice: the Government's Strategy:  
A consultation document (July 2003)
- ❑ Restorative Justice Consortium (RJC) - Principles of Restorative Processes (December 2004)
- ❑ Home Office: Best Practice Guidance for Restorative Practitioners and their Case Supervisors and Line Managers (December 2004 - Currently under review)
- ❑ National Occupational Standards for Restorative Practices (Approved November 2010)



## Review of UK National Occupational Standards

<b>UNIT NUMBER</b>	<b>UNIT TITLE</b>
DJ101 *	<b>Assess the circumstances of an incident towards identifying a restorative response</b>
DJ 102 *	<b>Prepare participants and agree an appropriate restorative process</b>
DJ 201 *	<b>Facilitate participants' interaction within a restorative process</b>
DJ 202	<b>Making appropriate use of co-working the restorative process</b>
DJ 203	<b>Implement and monitor agreed outcomes from a restorative process</b>



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DJ 204	<b>Facilitate informal restorative processes</b>
DJ 205*	<b>Evaluate the outcomes from a restorative process</b>
DJ 301	<b>Provide expert advice on restorative practice</b>
DJ 302	<b>Contribute to the promotion of restorative practice</b>
DJ 303	<b>Maintain quality assurance of restorative processes</b>



# IIRP Guiding Principles

## Principle 1:

Participation achieved through cooperation rather than coercion.

## Principle 2:

Face-to-face participation of those directly affected.

## Principle 3:

Those directly affected determine the outcome.

## Principle 4:

Fair process including equal access and informed consent.

## Principle 5:

Best practices must be demonstrated through research.

Principles are expressed as ideals, so each statement should end with the qualifying phrase ..... “as much as possible.”





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