

Developing the Quality Assurance Framework for Restorative Practice

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Why do we need quality assurance?

- Safety of all participants
- Ensuring principles of restorative practice are upheld as practice expands— eg around voluntarism, neutrality, equality of all participants etc
- Ensuring the strong benefits found in research are replicated not watered down
- Public and Commissioner Confidence in RP
- Professional status for practitioners/services

What's in place already in England and Wales?

- RJC Principles of Restorative Justice 2004
- Home Office *Best Practice Guidance for restorative practitioners* – 2004 – currently under review
- RJC Trainers Code of Practice – 2006 – 2010 version out for consultation
- National Occupational Standards 2010
- City and Guilds diploma in restorative practice

National Occupational Standards and the Diploma

- City and Guilds Diploma made up of four mandatory plus one optional unit
- Diploma currently being piloted in Kent, Thames Valley, Norfolk and the South West – but live and open to all
- Units and diploma designed to work across all fields – pilot includes schools, police, prisons, probation, panel members , YOT workers etc

Practitioner Journey	RJC provides	When will this be ready?
Initial Training in restorative practice	Quality Marks for training providers	2012
Join RJC Register as Associate Member	Practitioner Code of Practice	Code of Practice consultation 2010 . Register launch 2011
Accreditation	RJC Quality Mark for Accreditations which assess both knowledge and skills on the job	RJC 'How to get accredited' guide published 2011.
Full membership of RJC Register	RJC Practitioner Quality Mark	Quality Mark available 2011
Ongoing CPD to maintain registration	RJC guidance and CPD events	2012 onwards

RJC Quality Marks



Taking this forward:

- Consultation document later this year setting out:
 - RJC policy on which accreditations receive RJC quality mark (assessment of knowledge *and* skills)
 - Framework for Practitioner Registration
 - Draft Practitioner Code of Practice
 - 'Passporting' arrangements
 - Benefits of Associate and Full membership
 - Register launch in early 2011

Key questions:

- How can we ensure quality of RP is maintained, whilst continuing to encourage innovation in an emerging and diverse field?
- What should form the core of a practitioner Code of Practice?
- What should be the essentials of quality assurance for restorative practice?
- How can we learn from other models internationally?