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Tony Walker: *Restorative Justice – its use in Policing: What works?*

The aim of this paper is fivefold. Firstly, to give a brief overview of how policing is structured in the United Kingdom (UK), locating my force, Thames Valley Police, within that context. Secondly, to introduce restorative justice (RJ) and to make comparison between restorative and retributive justice models. Thirdly to describe how restorative approaches have been, and continue to be, developed by Thames Valley Police. Fourthly, to examine some important issues relating to how we evaluate restorative approaches and to give an overview of some key research findings from around the world. The paper will then examine how restorative justice is being developed at a national level within the UK. With concluding comments about some of the practical difficulties associated with implementing RJ, the aim overall is to give a concise but comprehensive overview of the ‘state of play’ of restorative justice, both nationally and locally in Thames Valley.

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Cristina Blasco Romera: *Use of community service sanction and its benefit to the community*

Legal framework and penalties in case of juvenile delinquency or offences: community service. Description of the measures taken as a whole: educational policy and principles, different stages of the intervention, community facilities for observance and evaluation of the program.

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