



*Giving victims more say  
in the punishment of the  
offender, out of court*

## **Community Remedy Document**

### **What is Community Remedy?**

Community Remedy provides an opportunity for victims to require offenders to do something to help make up for their offending. You can choose from any of the actions overleaf. Ron Hogg, your elected Police and Crime Commissioner, consulted members of the public and community representatives on this list.

This document can be used when a community resolution, conditional caution or youth conditional caution has been used by the police when dealing with low level criminal damage, low value theft, minor assaults (without injury) and anti-social behaviour.

This is intended to give you more say in the punishment of offenders out of court. Your involvement is your choice. You must feel safe and feel that you will benefit from taking part.

Actions must be appropriate, proportionate and seek to have a positive impact on the offender.

# Which options are available to me?

As the victim, you may choose any actions listed below for the offender (person who caused the harm/hurt):

- ◆ A written or verbal apology.
- ◆ Mediation: use of a third party to support both parties to reach a common agreement.
- ◆ Acceptable behaviour contract: written agreement specifying behaviour.
- ◆ Parenting Contract: voluntary agreement signed by the perpetrator's parent/carer/guardian outlining expected behaviour.
- ◆ Restorative Justice: the opportunity to participate in a Restorative Justice Conference or Panel.
- ◆ Shuttle mediation: allows the victim and perpetrator to put their views to each other without meeting face to face.
- ◆ Repairing damage to property or cleaning graffiti.
- ◆ Paying an appropriate amount for damage to be repaired or stolen property to be replaced.
- ◆ Participation in structured diversionary activities, i.e. courses, training.
- ◆ Targeted intervention, i.e. appropriate alcohol and drugs intervention, anger management courses.
- ◆ Reparation to the community, e.g. by doing local unpaid work for a short period, such as picking up litter in a park.
- ◆ Counselling.
- ◆ Tenancy/Landlord intervention (right level in appropriate cases).



**Incident Number: DHM.....**

**Officer details.....**