
ANNOTATION:

DESIGN: Study focused on four sites in England: Coventry, Leeds, North East Essex and Wolverhampton.

PARTICIPATION RATES: In the court-based schemes there was less apparent pressure on the victim to participate in mediation. Rates of participation did not exceed 60%. The court-based programs were not used for diversion purposes. There is a tendency for programs that started with minor offenders to extend by including more serious offenders. These programs emphasize work with young adult offenders; over half were under the age of 21.

REASONS: Offenders participated hoping to help their cases. There was very moderate influence on sentencing.

SATISFACTION: The experiments were met with high levels of satisfaction on the part of participants.

IMPACT: Offenders seem to take more responsibility for their actions. Victims regard reparation --psychological and social, as well as material -- as part of natural justice.

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ADULT
MIXED CRIME TYPE
PARTICIPATION RATES; REASONS; SATISFACTION, IMPACT
VICTIM DATA; OFFENDER DATA
SURVEY; RECORD DATA
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