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ANNOTATION:

DESIGN: The VOM program in Leeds is the longest operating victim-offender mediation program operating in England. Any crime is regarded as suitable, although burglary and theft are the most frequently reported offenses. The program works with adults and juveniles; the majority of offender are twenty-one or younger.

PROCESS AND PARTICIPATION RATES: About 48% of those cases referred to the program reach mediation. Mediation begins with indirect mediation and may move to face-to-face encounters. Forty-four percent of the female victims and 46% of males from 1988-92 chose to participate in mediation. When males and females are joint victims the choice to participate rises to 69%. Corporate participation was 57%.

RECIDIVISM: Because of the length of program, adequate time had elapsed to allow for following two cohorts to consider reconviction. A 1985-87 cohort of offenders who met their victims was followed. Seventy-five percent of these offenders had no further convictions within a year; 68% remained reconviction-free after two years. Likewise, a 1989 cohort who had participated in direct or indirect mediation was followed yielding similar results: 78% with no conviction after one year, and 58% after two years.

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