

Neighbourhood Resolution Panels

for Neighbourhood Disputes

Your guide



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This information has been produced to tell you about the Neighbourhood Resolution Panels and to let you know where you can find out more about them and how you can get involved.



What are Neighbourhood Resolution Panels?

Neighbourhood Resolution Panels (also known as Neighbourhood Justice Panels) are one of a number of restorative justice interventions that the Kirklees Partnership can offer to people affected by anti-social behaviour, minor offences and neighbour disputes.

The Kirklees Partnership is made up of the Council, Police, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, Primary Care Trusts and Probation.

Panels are meetings facilitated by trained volunteer mediators who bring together all affected parties so they can reach an agreement on how to repair the harm that has been caused.

How does it work?

All affected parties will be invited to a meeting to talk about what has happened, see how people have been affected and establish what can be done to make things right. The meeting may last up to an hour.

What is suitable for a panel?

Panels can be used for certain low level crimes, anti-social behaviour and some neighbour disputes. Each case is thoroughly assessed by trained mediators and everyone involved has to give their consent to take part in the process.

Who will be there?

- The facilitator and co-facilitator —community volunteers
- Approved third parties to offer support

Criminal cases:

- The victim and perpetrator

All other cases including neighbourhood disputes:

- All affected parties

What are the benefits?

- To give people the opportunity to have their questions answered
- To give people the opportunity to explain what impact the behaviour has had on them
- To give those responsible for causing harm the chance to make amends for their behaviour
- To give those affected by disputes, the opportunity to mutually resolve the situation.

Where will the meeting take place?

As far as possible, meetings are held in neutral community venues that are convenient for everyone involved.

What happens next?

Following a referral from the police or other organisation such as housing, a trained Neighbourhood Resolution Panel community volunteer will call you to arrange a meeting. They will talk to you about the panel, tell you about the process and answer any questions you might have. Once everyone involved is fully prepared, a panel date will be set, usually within 20 days.



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