

## > About Sacro

Sacro's mission is to promote safe and cohesive communities by reducing conflict and offending.

In order to reduce conflict and offending, Sacro provides a range of services in Community Mediation, Restorative Justice and Reparation, Criminal Justice and Schools work. These include services to enhance community safety and to address the harm caused by crime, drawing on restorative principles.

Sacro services are based on evidence, international standards of good practice and a commitment to development and innovation.

Sacro works with a broad range of clients, including victims of crime, many of whom have multiple needs. When appropriate, it works in partnership with local authorities and other service delivery agencies who share its values.

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## Addressing the Harm



**TASC**

*(Talk After Severe Crime)*



## > What is TASC?

TASC (Talk After Severe Crime) is a Sacro service, designed principally to provide those who have been harmed by a severe crime with the opportunity to communicate safely with the person responsible for the harm.

TASC involves a private, confidential and voluntary process. It does not have any bearing on the judicial status of the person responsible for the offence and may take place before or after a prison sentence has been completed.

People who have used services like TASC have said they found it helped them to deal more effectively with some of the harm caused by severe violent crime.

## > Offences to which the Service applies

The scope of the service includes crimes listed in the prescribed offences of the *Victim Notification Scheme (Scottish Executive 2004)*, for example: murder, culpable homicide, assault. The service does not apply to sexual crimes of violence and indecent crimes.

## > What does TASC do?

TASC provides the following interventions:

- Face-to-face Meetings and/or a Conference
- Shuttle Communication
- Protective Contract.

## > Face-to-face Meetings

A **face-to-face meeting**, led by two trained facilitators, is a safe and structured form of communication between those directly affected by the crime: the person(s) harmed and the person responsible for the offence. In some cases, “communities of care” (friends, family support persons) can join the meeting.

If a face-to-face meeting is not possible, the participants may feel it worthwhile to try Shuttle Communication or a Protective Contract



## > Shuttle Communication

**Shuttle Communication** involves a facilitator acting as a “go-between” for the participants, as they negotiate their need for answers to questions, understanding, and where appropriate, reparation. Shuttle Communication is undertaken as a healing process.

## > Protective Contract

**Protective Contract** is drawn up following either of the above processes and is designed to help participants discuss practical details in relation to unplanned or unintended contact after the prisoner’s release. In this way the process offers protection to those who are concerned about such contact, particularly where the person responsible for the offence is returning to a small community.

