



Dorset Police Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel



Wednesday 18th December 2019

Attendees

Will Chakawhata	Chair
Callum Bremner -CB	Chair, Dorset Bench
Dan Easterbrook – DE	Independent Member
Cheryl Flude – CF	Deputy Justice’s Clerk, HMCTS
William Gibbons – WG	Independent Member
Kate Greaves - KG	National Probation Service
Mark Hill – MH	Youth Offending Services
Sue Mitchell – SM	Deputy Chair, Dorset Bench
Charles Nightingale - CN	Crown Prosecution Service
Tom Smith – TS	Scrutiny Manager, OPCC
Stephen Thorne – ST	Independent Member
Lee Turner – LT	Crown Prosecution Service
David Webb – DW	YOS
Isobel Why - IW	Independent member
Jacqui Wilson - JW	Restorative Dorset

Dorset Police:

Nicki Philp - NP	Criminal Justice Unit Manager, Dorset Police
Jenny Howard - JH	Adult Out of Court Disposals Manager
Jackie Joyce - JJ	Youth OoCD Co-ordinator
Kerry Shelley – KS	Youth OoCD Sergeant
DS Stu Belfield - SB	Volume Crime Team

OPCC

Tom Smith - TS	Scrutiny Manager, OPCC
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Guests:

Sharon Dears - SD	Footprints Women’s Pathway
Caroline Stevens - CS	Footprints Women’s Pathway

Apologies

Anna Chapman	National Probation Service
Jane Moir	Independent member
Yvonne Surman	Youth Services Manager, Dorset Police

Summary of Meeting

Panel members and attendees introduced themselves and apologies were noted. The minutes were agreed and the actions were reviewed and updates provided.

The Panel considered the update on performance for quarter two. The differences between rural and urban areas were discussed. It was noted that more work is planned in the New Year to dip sample OoCDs for each policing area to understand any reasons for these differences.

A selection of Adult and Youth cases were reviewed based on the chosen theme of females and BAME individuals. Five youth cases were reviewed and all were agreed as category 1 – appropriate use and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

Ten adult cases were reviewed: eight were agreed by the Panel at category 1 – appropriate use and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code. Two were agreed at category 3 - inappropriate use of out of court disposal.

The observations regarding the category 3 adult cases were that in one case of assault the evidence test had not been met and the offence was not fully admitted. In a further case it had already been fed back that there was no admission of the offence and therefore there should not have been an OoCD. . The Panel agreed that based on the severity of the offence and as the offender had previous convictions, the OoCD was inappropriate.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11th March 2020.