



## Dorset Police Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Attendees

- Will Chakawhata Chair
- Conrad Astley - CA Comms & Engagement Officer, OPCC
- Joe Deeprise – JD CMU Supervisor
- Cheryl Flude - CF Deputy Justices' Clerk, HMCTS
- William Gibbons - WG Independent Member
- Kate Greaves - KG Senior Probation Officer, Dorset Local Delivery Unit, National Probation Service
- Mark Hill – MH Youth Offending Services
- Jenny Howard - JH Adult Out of Court Disposals Manager
- Jackie Joyce - JJ Youth OoCD Co-ordinator, Dorset Police
- Kate Lewis - KL District Crown Prosecutor, West Wessex Magistrates Court Team
- Anastasia Melnikova -AM OoCD Officer
- Sue Mitchell -SM Deputy Chair, Dorset Bench
- Jean Morgan – JM Adult OoCD Officer
- Neil Phillips - NP Performance DCI (to item 7)
- Kerry Shelley – KS Youth Out of Court Disposals Sergeant
- Tom Smith – TS Scrutiny Manager, OPCC
- Laura Veal - LV Restorative Dorset
- Pauline Rousseau - PR Circles South West

### Apologies

- Tim Cole Senior District Crown Prosecutor, CPS
- Adam Gill Neighbourhood Police Inspector
- Supt Paul Kessell Director of Intelligence
- Jackie Wilson Restorative Dorset

### 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.

NP gave an update on performance and highlighted that, for Dorset Police, just over half of the OoCDs given in Q2 were Adult Cautions and Community Resolutions.

Bridport 57.5%, East Dorset 44.9% and Purbeck 44.7% accounted for the most OoCDs as compared with the Force average of 34.1%.

The panel would continue to monitor the relatively higher use of OoCDs in areas such as Bridport and Purbeck which appears to be influenced by the distance from custody suites

A selection of Adult and Youth cases were reviewed based on a mix of two themes – sexual offences (including indecent images and sexting) and Public Order section 4 and 4A (including Youth Child and Parent violence and DA cases).

Fourteen Adult cases were reviewed and given the following categories; ten 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; one was agreed at category 2 - appropriate use with observations from the Panel; two were agreed at category 3 - inappropriate use of out of court disposal; in one case the Panel were unable to reach agreement so this was agreed as a Category 4. In addition five youth cases were reviewed, all of which were agreed to be category 1 - appropriate.

The theme for the next meeting was agreed as burglary, theft and shoplifting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 6 March 2019.