



Dorset Police Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel



Wednesday 4th September 2019

Attendees

Will Chakawhata
Joe Deeprise – JD
Cheryl Flude – CF
William Gibbons – WG
Jenny Heaver – JHr
Mark Hill – MH
Jenny Howard – JH
Jackie Joyce –JJ
Sue Mitchell – SM
Tom Smith – TS
Stephen Thorne – ST
Lee Turner – LT
Jacqui Wilson – JW

Chair

CMU Supervisor Dorset Police
Deputy Justice's Clerk, HMCTS
Independent Member
PA to SMT, OPCC
Youth Offending Services
Adult Out of Court Disposals Manager
Youth Out of Court Co-Ordinator
Deputy Chair, Dorset Bench
Scrutiny Manager, OPCC
Independent Member
Crown Prosecution Service
Restorative Dorset

Apologies

Nicki Philp
Conrad Astley – CA
Anna Chapman – AC
Gavin Dudfield – GD
Dan Easterbrook – DE
Kate Greaves – KG
Jane Moir – JM
Sgt Kerry Shelley – KS

Communications & Engagement Officer, OPCC
National Probation Service
Director of Investigations, Dorset Police
Independent Member
Senior Probation Officer, Court and Assessment Team
Independent Member
Alliance Prevention Department

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 one. The differences between rural and urban areas was discussed and it was suggested that the types of crime being committed would likely have an impact on these figures. It was noted that further detail as to the reasons for these differences was currently being looked at and a formal update requested for the next meeting.

A selection of Adult and Youth cases were reviewed based on the chosen theme of conditional cautions and Possession with Intent to Supply. 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: four 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, four were agreed at category 2 - appropriate use with

observations from the Panel and two were agreed as category 3 inappropriate use of out of court disposal.

The observations regarding the category 2 adult cases were around the victim not being supportive of the OoCD in one case, the seriousness of the offence (in two cases) and the offender history (in one case).

The observations regarding the category 3 adult cases were around one case involving assault where the offender had previous convictions and one case where the offence involved three counts, including assault.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18th December 2019.