



## Dorset Police Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Attendees

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| • Will Chakawhata | Chair – WC   |
| • Cheryl Flude    | Deputy Justices' Clerk, HMCTS - CF   |
| • Kate Greaves    | Courts Manager and Deputy Justice Clerk, North Devon and Dorset, National Probation Service – KG |
| • Louise Holmes   | Crown Prosecution Service – LH   |
| • Steve Houston   | Youth Justice, Dorset Police – SH  |
| • Jackie Joyce    | Youth OoCD Co-ordinator - JJ   |
| • Jean Morgan     | OoCD – JM  |
| • Nancy Playle    | OoCD, Dorset Police – NP   |
| • Tom Smith       | Governance Advisor, OPCC - TS  |
| • Jan Steadman    | Head of Criminal Justice, Dorset Police - JS   |
| • Dave Webb       | Manager, Youth Offending Services - DW   |
| • Colin Weston    | Dorset Bench Chairman - CW   |

### Apologies

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| • Steve Bell       | Youth Offending Service                     |
| • Billy Bulloch    | Deputy Poole South Police Station           |
| • Tim Cole         | Senior District Crown Prosecutor            |
| • Insp Lee Fryatt  | Hants Police                                |
| • Jenny Howard     | CMU Supervisor, Dorset Police               |
| • Kim Goodenough   | Performance, Dorset Police                  |
| • Peter Little     | Director of Investigations, Dorset Police   |
| • Gary Smart-Stead | Admin Services Administrator, Dorset Police |
| • Yvonne Surman    | Youth Services, Dorset Police               |

### Summary of Meeting

Introductions were made, members made their declarations of Interest and the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Actions were reviewed and updates provided. A review was given on effectiveness and NP confirmed that in only one of the 20 cases considered at the last meeting had the individual reoffended. The trend data provided to the Panel was noted. It was confirmed that Supt Paul Kessel will be present at the next meeting to facilitate a more detailed discussion on performance.

18 individual cases were discussed and given the following categories; 15 at category 1 – appropriate use and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code; two at category 2 - appropriate use with observations from the Panel; and one at category 3 - inappropriate use of out of court disposal. The category 3 case was classified as a Youth Caution, however the panel highlighted that this should have been considered as domestic abuse. Of the two category 2 cases, one was highlighted to have a coding issue with the offence showing under the

incorrect Act. The other was queried as to whether social services were informed due to the involvement of a child, checks on this are to be made.

Other business included discussion of the revised Terms of Reference for the Panel where minor amendments were suggested. The Panel discussed whether they should be more involved in the dip sampling process and it was agreed that the OPCC should undertake the dip sampling as this is similar to the process for other scrutiny panels. It was agreed that the theme for the next meeting would be sexual offences.

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.