

**Out of Court Resolutions Scrutiny Panel
Summary of the meeting on Thursday 23 April 2026**

Attendees:

David Senior (DS)	Member and Chair
Natalie Hill (NH)	Member and Deputy Chair
Richard Mangnall (RM)	Panel Member
Hilary Latimer (HL)	Panel Member
Mark Hill (MH)	Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service
Natalie Evans (NE)	HMCTS (His Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service)
Ben Worthington (BW)	CPS (Crown Prosecution Service)
Philip White (PW)	Youth Justice Board Oversight Manager
Jackie Willson (JW)	Restorative Solutions

Dorset Police

Sgt James Francis (JF)	Youth Justice Sergeant, Dorset Prevention
Jenny Bryant (JB)	Adult Out of Court Resolutions Manager
Nicki Philp (NP)	Criminal Justice Unit Manager
Christopher Lee (CL)	Neighbourhood Sergeant

OPCC

Tom Smith (TS)	Scrutiny Manager
Adam Harrold (AH)	Director of Operations
Jacqui Kinch	Support Officer
Lucy Gould (observing)	Executive Assistant to the PCC

APOLOGIES

Jim Phillips	Member
Insp Nicholas Lee	Neighbourhood Inspector
Paul Douglas JP	Dorset Bench
Yvonne Fenwick	Governance Manager

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/CONFIDENTIALITY

TS reminded panel members of the requirements of the confidentiality agreement they had each signed. He also drew attention to the handling instructions for the papers which should be deleted appropriately after the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Updates on the actions from the previous meeting were provided by Dorset Police and included in the meeting papers. The force feedback sheet had also been provided.

DS asked if there were any updates following the letter written by the panel raising concern about the lack of sanctions for non-compliance of Community Resolutions. JB advised that she was part of a large national working group that had recently been formed to look at Community Resolutions and she expected this issue would be one of the points they would be examining.

4. REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS (REOFFENDING)

Adult Cases – reoffending

Graphs were considered showing reoffending data for Conditional Cautions and for Community Resolutions from December 2024 to March 2026. This had been recorded for cases where 6 months had passed since the OoCR had been issued. The graphs demonstrated low reoffending rates. For the adult cases that had been considered at the previous panel meeting there had been no reoffending reported.

Youth Cases – reoffending

The panel considered charts from Dorset Youth Justice Service showing reoffending data by disposal type for children who received a justice outcome between October 2023 and September 2024. the reoffending rates in Dorset were good compared to regional and national data.

For the youth cases that had been considered at the previous panel meeting there were two incidents of reoffending.

5. PERFORMANCE UPDATE FOR QUARTER 3 2025/26

NP presented the Performance Update for Quarter 3, 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025. During Q2 2025/26 there were a total of 553 youth and adult OoCRs given which was an 11.4% increase compared to the same quarter in the previous year when the total was 490.

6. DIP SAMPLE – CASES FOR DISCUSSION

YOUTH CASES OF OoCRs

JF presented the Youth cases to the panel. The theme for this meeting was cases involving females and cases involving individuals from ethnic minority groups.

CASE 1/26 - the Panel agreed a score of 1 - the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 02/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 3/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 04/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 05/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 06/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

ADULT CASES OF OoCDs

JB presented the Adult cases to the panel. The theme for this meeting was cases involving females and cases involving individuals from ethnic minority groups.

CASE 07/26 - the panel agreed a score of 2a – the disposal was appropriate with the above observations from the Panel.

CASE 08/26 - the panel agreed a score of 2a – the disposal was appropriate with the above observations from the Panel.

CASE 09/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 10/26 - the panel agreed a score of 1 – the disposal was appropriate and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code.

CASE 11/26 - the panel agreed a score of 3a – it was an inappropriate use of an out of court resolution because the panel believed the case should have proceeded to court.

7. THEME FOR NEXT MEETING

The theme for the next meeting for the adult cases would be Domestic Abuse (female victims). The theme for the youth cases would be Taking Without Consent.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next panel meeting is on Wednesday 1 July at 13:00

The meeting closed at 12.29 pm.