

Wednesday 19th June 2019

Attendees

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| • Will Chakawhata | Chair |
| • Conrad Astley – CA | Comms & Engagement Officer, OPCC |
| • Anna Chapman – AC | National Probation Service |
| • Gavin Dudfield – GD | Director of Investigations, Dorset Police |
| • Dan Easterbrook – DE | Independent Member |
| • William Gibbons – WG | Independent Member |
| • Anna Giles – AG | Governance Officer, OPCC |
| • Sgt Adam Gill – AGi | Priority Crime Team, Dorset Police |
| • Kate Greaves – KG | Senior Probation Officer, Court and Assessment Team |
| • Jenny Howard – JH | Adult Out of Court Disposals Manager |
| • Ian Humphreys – IH | Dorset Youth Panel Chair |
| • Jackie Joyce – JJ | Youth OoCD Co-ordinator, Dorset Police |
| • Jane Moir – JM | Independent Member |
| • Sgt Kerry Shelley – KS | Youth Out of Court Disposals Sergeant |
| • Tom Smith – TS | Scrutiny Manager, OPCC |
| • Stephen Thorne – ST | Independent Member |
| • Lee Turner – LT | Crown Prosecution Service |
| • Jacqui Wilson – JW | Restorative Dorset |
| • Mark Hill – MH | Youth Offending Service |

Apologies

- Sue Mitchell
- Cheryl Flude
- Stuart Baker

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 received an update on performance for quarter four, noting 6,662 OoCDs had been issued over this period. The average percentage of OoCDs issued out of total disposals was 30.6%. The corresponding figures for the rural areas were: Bridport 53.2%, Dorchester 31.2%, East Dorset 48.4%, North Dorset 37.5% and Purbeck 31.1%. By comparison, the figures for the conurbations were Bournemouth Central 29.2%, Bournemouth East 24.8%, Bournemouth North 26.4%, Poole 29.3% and Weymouth and Portland 24.5%. 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.

A selection of Adult and Youth cases were reviewed based on the chosen theme of violence against the person, including those that involved a weapon. Five youth cases were reviewed, four were agreed as category 1 – appropriate use and consistent with Dorset Police policies, the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and the Victim Code and one was agreed at category 2 - appropriate use with observations from the Panel. Ten adult cases were reviewed and given the following categories: nine 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 and one was agreed at category 2 - appropriate use with observations from the Panel.

The observations regarding the category 2 youth case were around the timeliness of the process and this issue is being closely focused on by Dorset Police.

The observations regarding the category 2 adult case were around the intentional use of a weapon and whether this should have been considered an aggravating factor.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 4th September 2019.