

Gwent Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panel Minutes and Actions

29th November 2023

1. Attendees

Head of Strategy, Office of Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent

Out of Court Disposals Diversion Hub Officer, Gwent Police

Offender Services Manager, Gwent Police

Community Resolution & Restorative Justice Officer, Gwent Police

Force Crime Registrar, Gwent Police

Policy Officer, Office of Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent

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District Crown Prosecutor, Magistrates – CPS Gwent

Team Manager, Newport Youth Justice Service

Service Manager, Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent YOS

YOS

Legal Team Manager, HMCTS Gwent

Deputy Chair Youth Panel

Executive Support Assistant, Gwent Police

2. Apologies

Bench

Chair of Independent Advisory Group

3. Panel Cases for Consideration

- 10 youth cases were selected for scrutiny.
- Out of 10 cases, 9 were considered appropriate and 1 removed from panel as the youth did not receive an Out of Court Disposal.

1. Cases Overview and Outcomes					
Case No	Case Type	Offence	Disposal	Outcome	Comments
1	Youth	Other theft	Youth Conditional Caution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	None.
2	Youth	Possession of a controlled drug (B) W/I to supply	Youth Community Resolution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	None.
3	Youth	Sexual Assault on a female (SOA 2003 S.3)	Youth Community Resolution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	None.
4	Youth	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place. Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Punishment of offenders' act 2012)	Youth Community Resolution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	Query raised as to why the offence was changed from threaten with a blade to affray. It was confirmed that the custody disposal states that it was threaten with a blade. Action: Feedback to be given to the officer about the disposal.
5	Youth	Threats to kill injury	Youth Community Resolution	Case removed from panel as N/A	This case should not be reviewed by the panel as the child did not receive an out of court disposal. Instead, a voluntary prevention referral was received.

					Action: To check why it was listed on the system as a Community Resolution.
6	Youth	Possession of a controlled drug class (B) W/I to supply	Youth Conditional Caution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	Query around why the case being reviewed by panel as the offence took place in 2020.
7	Youth	Take/make indecent photos/pseudo-photos of children	Youth Conditional Caution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	A discussion took place around the decision being recommended by the CPS in this case. It was requested that once the CPS has given their guidance around these cases, there should be no further delay.
8	Youth	Public fear, alarm or distress. Sec 4 POA fear or provocation of violence	Youth Conditional Caution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	Query around the amount of evidence given to prove the intent to cause, and thereby causing alarm or distress, without a person present who witnessed it.
9	Youth	Rape of a female child under 13 by a male (S.5(pt) SOA	Youth Conditional Caution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	None.
10	Youth	Theft from shop (shoplifting)	Youth Conditional Caution	Unanimous Agreement Appropriate	None.