



Reduced Out of Court Disposal Implementation

What is the reduced Out of Court Disposal (OCD) implementation?

The reduced OCD framework is a National Directive. The aim is to simplify the process for all by reducing the number of OCD's. This framework is for adult offenders and the OCDs are to have rehabilitative, reparative or punitive conditions attached to each option.

How will the reduced OCD impact the service DCP provides to the community?

Devon and Cornwall Police (DCP) are taking this opportunity to enable the Force to deliver a deferred caution and deferred charge scheme in conjunction with a reduced Out of Court Disposal process. The structure introduces a simplified and transparent method of choosing the most appropriate disposal which takes into account offending history and offender behaviour. This approach introduces a clear escalation of consequence for repeat offenders.

The Deferred Charge scheme means that offenders suitable for diversionary interventions are identified as early as possible, changing offenders behavior and ultimately lives. The emphasis will be on reducing reoffending and reducing harm through positive engagement with the individual and referrals to the most appropriate services available within their community. Victim surveys from across the UK have shown that this type of intervention work leads to greater victim satisfaction ratings.

What do I need to know about this change?

- Mandatory online training has been made available to all Officers and Staff who are impacted by these changes.
- Community Resolution will be the most likely replacement for offences which would previously have merited a Cannabis Warning or PND.
- A new National Outcome 22 has been introduced to allow an accurate recording of the diversionary, educational or early intervention activity carried out by Forces.
- The Deferred Caution and Deferred Charge gives DCP the ability to target the right level of intervention work at the most receptive cohort.
- Briefings are currently taking place and a series of Webinars will soon be communicated to allow a more interactive forum for questions to be asked and answered.
- A roadmap will be created to increase access to Pathfinder ensuring growth can be tailored to where the need is most and the Equality Impact Assessment will inform this.

Who can tell me more?

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