



Reduced Out of Court Disposals briefing for Managers

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

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

How will the reduced OOC change the way Officers work?

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 the reduced Out of Court Disposal process. This approach introduces a clear escalation of consequence for repeat offenders and allows targeted interventions to be facilitated and managed by the Pathfinder team.

The most noticeable impact to Officers is the removal of Cannabis Warnings and PND's. The most suitable replacement for these OOC's would be a Community Resolution. If it is a second offence then a Deferred Caution would likely be the most suitable option, for a third offence a Deferred Charge. To assist Officers a 'Choose Disposal' flowchart has been created and is published on the Pathfinder and the OOC's SharePoint sites.

What do I need to know about this change?

- The reduced OOC framework and Deferred Caution went live on Oct 14th 2019.
- The Deferred Charge will go live on 25th Nov 2019.
- Mandatory online training remains available to all Officers and Staff who are impacted by these changes.
- A Community Resolution issued for possession of Cannabis needs to be recorded as an Outcome 7. The Officer represents the State as the victim.
- A new National Outcome 22 has been introduced to allow an accurate recording of the diversionary, educational or early intervention activity carried out by all Forces.
- The eligibility criteria is currently restricted to the 18 – 30 age group to allow DCP to manage the demand on Pathfinder and external referral agencies. This will be reviewed in Jan 2020 with a view to potential expansion.
- All information required is available on the intranet. It can be found by searching for Pathfinder or OOC.
- 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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