

OPCC Record of Decision

Project Name or Title

Investing in additional capacity into Youth Offending Teams to offer a wider range of support for Out of Court Disposals for young people to prevent serious violence.
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Date of Decision:	19 th November 2020
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1. Background

- 1.1 The Out of Court disposal system now is well-established across the Devon and Cornwall police area to ensure that young people get the right help at the right time. The panel looks at cases which can be resolved by a Community Resolution (which does not mean a young person has a citable criminal record and therefore becomes a First Time Entrant to the criminal justice system), a Youth Caution or a Youth Conditional Caution. The last two outcomes do constitute a criminal record and do cause a young person to become a first time entrant into the criminal justice system.

It is very rare that a young person is discussed at the panel without attracting a package of support to avoid further offending.

Out of Court Disposal panels are therefore a key meeting in ensuring that young people are given advice and assistance to avoid further criminal behaviour. In particular, these panels play a key role in ensuring that if young people receive an outcome significant enough to cause them to become a first time entrant that they are given help, advice and support to address their offending at this stage. Further as the line between having no criminal record and having a criminal record (through becoming a FTE) can be a very significant one in a young person's future, the panel ensures that this step is not taken lightly and that all other options are deployed first.

There are strong links with Out of Court Disposals being used as an early intervention and prevention activity reducing first time entrants into the criminal justice system;

2. Decision Record

- 2.1 That the PCC, in collaboration with the Chief Constable funds allocates £15,000 to each of the four YOTs for one year (from 1st Jan 2021), with the potential for a second year of funding to be made available if the outcomes metrics show tangible progress in line with the Prevention of Serious Violence Programmes declared aims.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

- 3.1.1 This decision was taken as part of the Prevention of Serious Violence Board programme of work and applies to each of the four Youth Offending Teams across Devon and Cornwall Police Force area. Devon YOT Manager has been the lead for this area of work and engaged with the Board.

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice

4.1 Legal, Management and Equality Implications – Current and Future

The PCC's CEO and Monitoring Officer has advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that, from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial or equality implications arising from the proposal.

4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future

The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the financial requirements of this Decision are consistent with the objectives of the Prevention of Serious Violence Programme and are both reasonable and deliverable..

5. Supporting documents:

- 5.1 N/A

6. Official approval



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The Recommendation for Decision as outlined in this report is formally approved and subject to Freedom of Information Classification will be published on the OPCC website:

Police and Crime Commissioner
Alison Hernandez

Signed Alison Hernandez
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Date: 23 November 2020

**Governance Signature by
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Frances Hughes**

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