

# <u>Leicestershire Police & Partner Agencies</u> <u>Youth Out-of-Court Scrutiny Panel</u> <u>Minutes</u>

# 25th April 2016

#### 1. Attendance

Paul Stock – Chair – Chief Executive OPCC
Caroline Barker - Leicestershire Police
John Norman - Leicestershire Police
Mark Verran – Leicester YOS
Tracy Green – Leicester YOS
Adrian Bakari – Leicester YOS
Hilary Allton – Leicester MAGS
John Freeman – Chair Youth Panel Leicester MAGS
Nigel Chapman – CPS
D/Supt Neil Castle - Leicestershire Police

## 2. Apologies

C/D/Supt David Sandall
Andy Cooke – Deputy Chair Youth Panel

## 3. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting

Previous minutes approved.

Actions updated

- 2.2 Working progress with the system still ongoing.
- 2.4 Data should be available in for July Meeting

### 4. Youth Offender Disposal Data

JN apologised for the absence of data, this was due to recently losing our analyst and a resource issue but will circulate this as soon as we have this information.

#### 5. Panel Cases for Consideration

The 15 cases chosen at random by the OPCC were reviewed by the Panel and the following recorded:

9 cases graded 1 – Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/ or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors

3 cases graded 2 – Appropriate but with Observations

2 cases graded 3 – Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors

1 case graded 4 – Panel fails to reach a conclusion

Case No:	Offence:	Disposal	Panel Findings & Comments	Category
01	Common Assault (Battery)	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
02	Theft x 2	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
03	Damage and Theft	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
04	Common Assault (Battery)	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
05	Going Equipped to Steal	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
06	Assault ABH	Youth Community Resolution	Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police polices and/or the CPS code for Crown Prosecutors	3
07	Possess Cannabis	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
08	Common Assault	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
09	Possessing Indecent Images	Youth Conditional Caution	Appropriate but with Observations	2
10	Damage and Burglary	Youth Caution	Appropriate but with Observations	2
11	Common Assault (Battery)	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate but with Observations	2
12	Theft from Store	Youth Caution	Panel fails to reach a conclusion	4

Case No:	Offence:	Disposal	Panel Findings & Comments	Category
13	Possession of a bladed article	Youth Community Resolution	Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police polices and/or the CPS code for Crown Prosecutors	3
14	Common Assault and Damage	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1
15	Theft from Store	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and consistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors	1

The case number 12 - graded 4 - the panel failed to reach an agreement – Possible Community Resolution would have been a better way to deal with this.

Of the cases deemed (number 2) "Appropriate but with Observations" the following observations were made:

#9	Lost opportunity to work with other agencies, started when 12yrs now 14yrs what happens when he turns 18, not on sexual offenders register, due to cross boarder (Derbys & Leics) restrictions could get lost in the system Panel raised concerns regarding this case. JN to check working sheet and progress and update NC
#10	Alcohol issues – more support could have been offered with this, only one member caught what about the others? Could the Youth Caution included fixed damages, voluntary work etc
#11	Panel not comfortable with result - does not feel right, "smell a rat"

The Cases deemed (number 3) "Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police policies and/or the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors" the following observations were made

#06	Panel felt this was more of a planned event rather than 'seeing red', not keeping with
	policy
#13	School could have dealt with this matter, totally wrong result

#### 6. Communication

PS reiterated that he was happy for the panel to share our work from our meetings with their colleagues and welcomed any feedback

#### 7. AOB

NC – Issues around cases at Magistrates Court specifically adjournments, JN & NC to speak outside of the meeting.