



OUT OF COURT RESOLUTIONS (OOCR) SCRUTINY PANEL

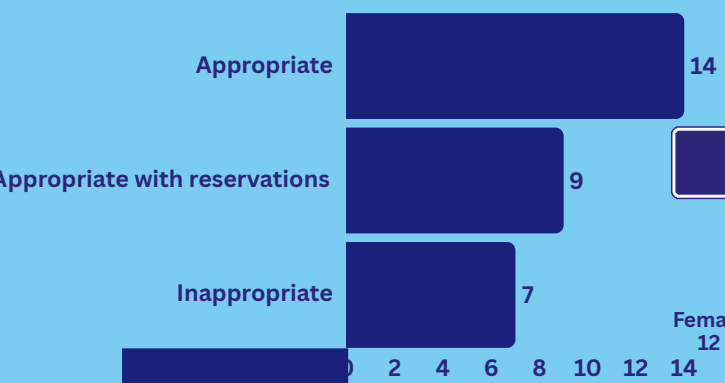
Panel's reports

The purpose of the Panel is to independently assess, scrutinise and quality control the use of Out of Court Resolutions (such as cautions, community resolutions and youth restorative disposals), by Dyfed-Powys Police. The Panel can make recommendations, feedback on individual cases to officers, communicate findings, promote best practice and identify potential policy development or training needs for consideration by the Force or other agencies involved. The Panel cannot change the original outcome of the case.

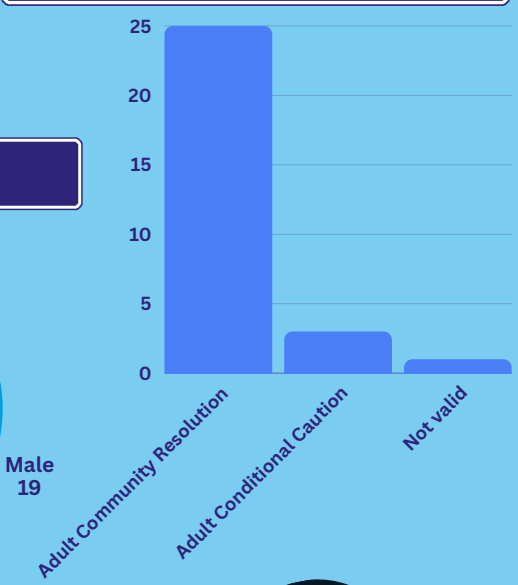


25-26 STATISTICS ADULT CASES

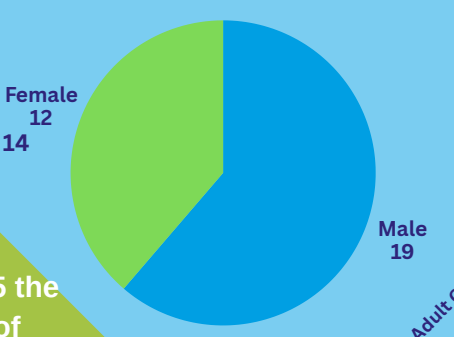
Panel's determination:



Types of OOCR considered:



Gender of cases:



The number of cases determined to be inappropriate has decreased by 12% since 24/25

Since 24/25 the number of cases determined as appropriate by the panel has increased by 12%

During 25/26 the panel reviewed 31 cases including themes of criminal damage and public order offence, stalking and harassment cases, drug offences and shoplifting offences. Key findings from these meetings include:

- Lack of detail or missing information within reports
- ACR's were being inappropriately issued to alleged offenders who had extensive previous offences
- Timeliness of completing cases

The OOCR Scrutiny Panel's work has led to the following improvements:

- Feedback provided to officers in relation to the panels assessment of any inappropriate use of OOCR
- Feedback provided to officers where the Panel determined that the case was an example of best practice following an appropriate use of an OOCR.

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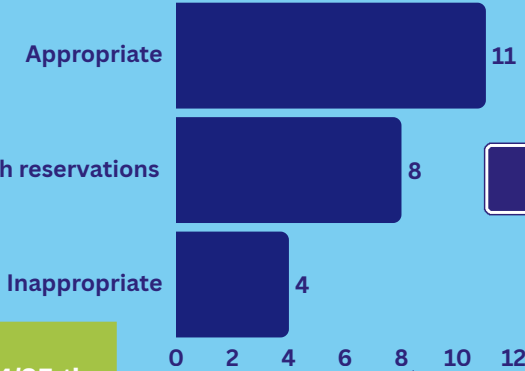
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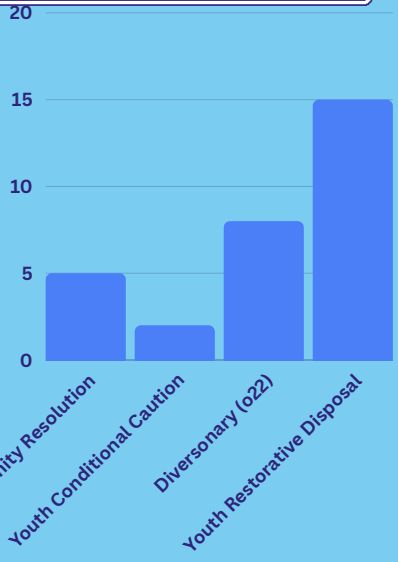
An agreement was made that the reports for the OOCR Panel would be split into an adult report, and a youth report. This was agreed to assist with the separate governance boards where the panel's findings would be reported to within Dyfed Powys Police. The adult reports are considered by the force's Strategic Meeting for OOCR which meets on a monthly basis.

25-26 STATISTICS YOUTH CASES

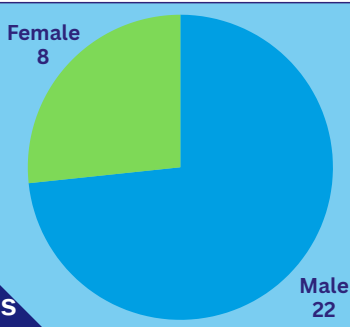
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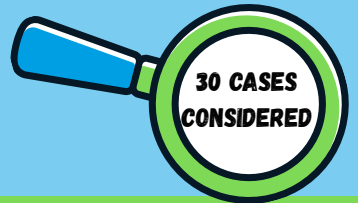


Gender of cases:



Since 24/25 the number of cases determined as appropriate by the panel has decreased by 27%

The number of cases determined to be inappropriate has increased by 18% since 24/25



During 25/26 the panel reviewed 30 cases. Key findings from these meetings included:

- Inconsistencies of OOCR's being issued across Dyfed Powys and Youth Restorative Disposals being incorrectly issued
- Need for a force lead on Child Centred Policing.
- Officers need to utilise and engage with the Youth offending Team officers more frequently
- Timeliness of completing cases
- Interviews conducted not compliant with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE)

The OOCR Scrutiny Panel's work has led to the following improvements:

- Feedback provided to officers
- A meeting has been arranged with the Force Child Centred Policing Lead
- A reminder was circulated to officers regarding the importance of ensuring that all child interviews conducted are in accordance with PACE.