

# THE OUT OF COURT PROCESS

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

SUPPORT TODAY  
BETTER CHOICES  
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

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### CHILD ARRESTED

A young person is arrested on suspicion of committing an offence.

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### TAKEN TO POLICE STATION & INTERVIEW

- ✓ Your child has the right to an **Appropriate Adult** (this could be you, or someone from an Appropriate Adult Service).
- ✓ They will be offered **legal representation**.

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### REFERRAL TO YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE

If your child makes admissions in interview and the offence is lower level, they can be referred to the Youth Justice Service for consideration of an Out of Court Resolution.

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### INITIAL ASSESSMENT

The case is allocated to a Youth Justice Worker who will contact you and your child to arrange an initial assessment.

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### OOCR PANEL DECISION

The Youth Justice Worker will present the case to the OOCR panel. This is a multiagency panel made up of:



POLICE



EDUCATION



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



YOUTH JUSTICE



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The panel will consider all the information and make a decision on the most appropriate outcome for your child.

### WHAT IS AN OUT OF COURT RESOLUTION (OOCR)?

OOCR's are for children **aged 10 to 17**. They are a way of responding to low to medium offending, without the need to attend Youth Court.



The aim is to prevent further offending by the child.

OOCR's are most suited to young people who have committed a low-medium level offence and have no established offending history.

### POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

(Decisions aim to support your child and prevent further offending)



#### COMMUNITY RESOLUTION (POLICE WARNING)

A formal police warning.



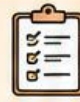
#### COMMUNITY RESOLUTION + (POLICE WARNING + SHORT TERM VOLUNTARY SUPPORT)

A formal police warning and short term voluntary support offered.



#### YOUTH CAUTION

A formal warning stored on the Police National Computer.



#### YOUTH CONDITIONAL CAUTION

A formal warning stored on the Police National Computer with a period of mandatory intervention.



#### TURNAROUND

A voluntary support programme for children aged 10-17 and their family. Aims to improve outcomes and prevent further offending.

Must not have done Turnaround before and can only be offered once.

#### SOME OTHER OUTCOMES



**OUTCOME 20**  
No further action.

**OUTCOME 22**  
No further action as young person is being supported already by services such as Social Care or CAMHS and they are best suited to support them.



#### WHAT PARENTS/CARERS SHOULD KNOW

- ✓ You will be kept informed and involved.
- ✓ You can ask questions at any time.
- ✓ The process is designed to support your child to make positive changes.
- ✓ Engagement and support can make a real difference.

#### WHO IS INVOLVED?



POLICE



YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE



SCHOOLS / EDUCATION



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Working together to support your child and the community.

#### WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you have any questions or need support, speak to your Youth Justice Worker.



SUPPORT • UNDERSTAND • OPPORTUNITY • POSITIVE CHANGE

Together we can build a better future.



