



Out of Court Disposal

What is an Out of Court Disposal?

An Out of Court Disposal is an outcome which means that you will work with the Youth Justice Service and the Police over a period of time. The amount of time is agreed by a panel. During this time you will complete interventions around the offence(s) you have committed with the Youth Justice Service (YJS). The Outcome will start on the day you sign your contract with YJS and Police.

What happens?

A member of the Youth Justice Service will see you to discuss your offending and to carry out an assessment and write a report. You will have a chance to discuss this report with your YJS case worker before your panel meeting.

Panel Meetings - What are they?

Once your assessment has been complete, your YJS worker will make recommendations to a Panel. You will see these recommendations before the panel and have a chance to share your views.

The Panel will be made up of a member of the community, an education representative, early help, Police and some health specialists. The panel will agree your outcome and contract.

Parents' responsibility?

If you are under 16 years of age at least one parent will be required to attend your outcome delivery.

What might be included in the contract?

Your contract or intervention plan will include 1:1 work which will support your understanding of offending and the impact on victims. It will also include a personal programme to avoid reoffending. There may be conditions added to the contract and these will be made clear to you.

What do I need to do?

If you complete the interventions in the agreed time frame, then there will be No Further Action (NFA) taken against you and that will be the end of the matter. To comply you must:

- Arrive on time for your appointments.
 - Allow your YJS worker to see you at home when required.
 - Follow any reasonable directions of the YJS.
 - Agree and sign a contract (if you agree with the contents).
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The following behaviour is not acceptable on Youth Justice Service premises, or when you are accompanied by YJS staff:

- Attending while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, thereby being unable to take part in supervision.
- Fighting, violent or aggressive behavior or threats of violence.
- Other behaviours or language that might give or cause serious offence to Youth Justice Service staff, other people under supervision or members of the public.
- Other willful or persistent non-cooperation or behaviour which will affect the purpose of your or others' Orders.

What happens if I do not cooperate?

If you fail to engage in the contract set out between you and the Youth Justice Service, then a breach process will be followed. This could mean that you will be referred to court for the matter to be dealt with, which could result in a conviction.

Will I have a Criminal Record?

A Triage and an Outcome 22 do not have to be disclosed in the future and they are not a Police Caution or Conviction.

The Outcome 22 may show up on an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check in the additional information section which means you may get asked about it.

Complaints?

If you are not happy about the service you receive you should talk to your YJS case worker.

If you still feel dissatisfied you can raise this further with the YJS Team Manager:

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