



# Youth Conditional Caution

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## What is a Youth Conditional Caution?

A Youth Conditional Caution (YCC) is a caution which may be given to young people under the age of 18 years old after committing a criminal offence. A Youth Conditional Caution will contain one or more conditions, which will include meeting with a worker from the Youth Justice Service. You may be required to take part in other activities designed to help you stop offending again.

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## What happens next?

The Youth Conditional Caution will give information about each condition and how many sessions you are required to participate in. Your YJS Worker will work out a plan with you that explains how this will be achieved. The YCC will include conditions that are designed to help you think about:

- your behaviour
- the harm your offending can do to yourself
- the harm your offending can do to others
- reparation or work with your victim/s
- your plan for the future and how you will deal with your problems
- how you will be supported to access services

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Your YJS Worker will help you understand what you need to do and will talk to any other agencies who may be involved in parts of your YCC. Your YCC is made up of one or more of the following conditions:

- Offending behaviour work
  - Fire safety work
  - Victim awareness work
  - Road safety work
  - Constructive use of leisure
  - Employment or careers advice
  - Anger management work
  - Managing school
  - Managing difficult feelings
  - Substance misuse
  - Peer relationships
  - Community reparation
  - Restorative processes
  - Financial compensation
  - Exclusion
  - Curfew
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## What do I need to do?

You need to:

- let your worker know if you change address
  - attend your appointments on time
  - let your worker know if you are unable to attend your appointment
  - keep out of trouble
  - comply with any reasonable direction from your YJS worker
  - work with the YCC plan
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## What happens if I do not cooperate?

If you fail to co-operate then you will:

- be encouraged to engage and attend, with any barriers being addressed
- be asked to explain why within 24 hours, by phone or letter
- if your reason is unacceptable you will be issued with a warning
- if you receive three warnings, the Police will be informed and the original offence will be taken to court and prosecuted.

The Court can then make what ever is the appropriate Order

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## Are Youth Conditional Cautions added to the police records?

Youth Conditional Cautions are not convictions, but are formal criminal justice disposals. Youth Conditional Cautions come under the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and do not need to be disclosed after three months unless you have been specifically asked if you have ever received a Caution. However, if you are asked to complete a full DBS check a Youth Conditional Caution will show up.

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## Equal Opportunities

We seek to treat everybody fairly and without discrimination. We will not accept racist, sexist or any other offensive remarks or behavior from members of staff or young people and their families.

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## Complaints?

If you are not happy about the service you receive you should talk to your Youth Justice Service worker. If you still feel dissatisfied you can raise your issues with the YJS Team Manager:

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