

Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel

Actions Taken from Panel May 2018

In May 2018 the Scrutiny Panels reviewed a sample of Hate Crime offences which had been finalised as Out of Court Disposals.

The following actions were identified as a result of those panels and reported back to the Panel Chairs in October 2018:

- Officers were reminded that they should refer young offenders to the Youth Offending Service – particularly in relation to offences classed as Hate Crime.
- Officers were reminded that a decision to use an Out of Court Disposal for Hate Crime offences could only be made by an officer of Inspector rank or above.
- WMP is working towards a pilot for the potential use of Conditional Cautions for Hate Crime; this awaits approval by the Director of Public Prosecutions but would involve the commissioning of a rehabilitative intervention to which offenders would be referred with the aim of preventing reoffending.