ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICE CONVENTION 2012

Out of Court Disposals

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Overview

- Community Resolution/Restorative Justice
- New framework for youth justice
- White Paper *'Swift and Sure Justice'*

Community Resolutions/Restorative Justice

- CJ Joint Inspection September 2012
- Positive effect on victim satisfaction and re-offending rates
- Informal resolutions – RJ conferences
- Marked increase in informal resolutions
- Important means of dealing with crime across communities

CJ Joint Inspection Recommendations

- Consistent approach – national framework
- College of policing should conduct further research on impact of informal resolution
- QA processes for community resolutions should be rigorous
- Status of informally resolved cases should be made clear and position on disclosure should be clarified

ACPO Guidance on the use of Community Resolutions (incorporating RJ)

- Less serious offences of crime and ASB
- No relevant offending history
- Monitoring processes

White Paper 'Swift and Sure Justice'

- Links to ACPO framework
- Justice Test
- Oversight and scrutiny – role of Magistrates
- Hampshire case study
- Role of PCC?

Young People – New Framework

- Provisions of LASPO Act
- Removal of reprimands and final warnings
- Removal of escalator
- New Youth Caution
- PNDs withdrawn for Under 18s

Young People – New Framework (contd)

'The appropriate level of response must be proportionate, appropriate and defensible, taking into account the views of the victim'

Thank you