



Leicestershire
Police
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Leicestershire Police & Partner Agencies
Adult Out of Court Scrutiny Panel
Minutes
12th November 2020

1. Attendance

DCI Chris Baker – Leicestershire Police
Insp Dan Granger – Leicestershire Police
Caroline Barker – Leicestershire Police
David Crane – Leicestershire Police
Jaspal Hulait – National Probation Service
Sally Cook – CPS
Martin Pantling – Bench Chair Magistrates
Martin Jones & Daryl Pearce – Lincs Police – Observing

2. Apologies

Angela Perry - PCC Office
Louise Cox – CPS
Mark Chamberlain – Courts

3. Discuss TOR – Election of Chairperson

After reviewing the guidelines and the NPCC/MOJ Scrutiny Panel Guidelines and group discussions it was agreed to rotate the position of Chair for these meetings. Sally Cook agreed to take on this role for the coming meetings and review again in 12 months.

4. Out of Court Disposal Highlight Report

Insp Dan Granger gave an overview of the Highlight report provided to the group.

5. Panel Cases for Consideration

David apologised for the lateness in distribution of the cases and that they were selected from the last 3 months and chosen, at random, by the PCC's office.

The following grades were recorded:

7 cases graded 1 = Appropriate and consistent with policies
4 cases graded 2 = Appropriate but with observations
3 cases graded 3 = Inappropriate and inconsistent with policies
1 case graded 4 = Panel failed to reach a conclusion

| Case No: | Case: | Disposal: | Category: | Panels Comments: |
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| 01 | ABH | CR | 4 | Injuries not clear or recorded. Lack of timescales Vagueness on form Lack of Insp input |
| 02 | S5 POA | CR | 2 | No mention of previous convictions No timescale on CR |
| 03 | S5 POA | CR | 1 | No statement taken Is this a Hate Crime – if so no follow up No apology to victim |
| 04 | Possession of Cannabis | CR | 2 | Concerns of previous CR and why CR again? No referral for alcohol abuse Words of advice not enough |
| 05 | Malicious Communications | CR | 3 | Confusing accounts Threats to kill Nature of message – nasty |

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| | | | | DV implications |
| 06 | Possess Cannabis | CR | 2 | More advice needed Verbal apology has not recording on file |
| 07 | Common Assault | CC | 1 | Good Rational Excellent write up Feedback to be given to the officer |
| 08 | Common Assault | CR | 1 | Appropriate - agreed |
| 09 | Common Assault | CR | 1 | Appropriate – agreed |
| 10 | Common Assault | CR | 1 | Appropriate – agreed |
| 11 | Possess Cannabis | CR | 1 | Appropriate – agreed |
| 12 | Common Assault / S4 | CR | 3 | Right outcome – wrong offence Not correct outcome – should be removed Sgt needs feedback |
| 13 | Possess Cannabis | CR | 1 | Referral and timescales given Appropriate – agreed |
| 14 | Attempted Shop Theft | CR | 2 | Caroline to check case file Wrong offence |

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| | | | | Not attempted WAS as theft Previous thefts – pattern why? No referral offered |
| 15 | S5 POA | CR | 3 | Caroline to check file Remove CR? Insp approval needed |

6. AOB

- **Martin Pantling** – Raised the issue of the lateness of the papers/cases being circulated
- **David and Dan** – although the CR rate is higher than CC and conscious of the amount of Cannabis cases, should we look at having a portion of CC and DV cases?
Group agreed going forward we review 5 from each section – DV, CR & CC
- **Martin Jones and Daryl** - Thanked the group for allowing them to observe this meeting.
(They also have a proportion of each case type rather than the outcomes).

7. Date of future meetings

Due to the current Covid restrictions – will look at getting another TEAMS meeting set up for the New Year.