# Youth Restorative Disposals (YRD)

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# Pilot Forces

- Avon and Somerset
- Cumbria
- GMP
- Lancashire
- Norfolk
- North Wales
- Nottinghamshire

# Aims and purpose of the YRD

- To offer operational officers more ***discretion*** with a quick and effective alternative means of dealing with low-level, anti-social and nuisance offending.
- To deliver swift, simple and effective justice, that carries the **support of victims and complainants**, and provides a learning opportunity for young offenders to appreciate the effect of their behaviour.

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- To reduce the amount of time officers spend completing paperwork and attending court, while simultaneously reducing the burden of courts.
- To increase the amount of time officers spend on the street and dealing with more serious crime.
- To prevent young people from offending, including reducing the numbers of first time entrants into the criminal justice system.

# YRD v Reprimand
# (North Wales Police pilot)

- Average times to deal
- Reprimand – 4 hours 40 minutes
- YRD – 44 minutes
- £ saved per YRD £103.21
- Time saved per YRD – 3 hrs 56 mins
- Saving from 766 YRD to date

£79,761 and 3,033 officer hours

(to 30/09/09)

# Requirement to qualify for a YRD

A YRD can be issued if the authorised officers believe.

- A young person has committed an offence eligible for a YRD (H.O. Gravity Matrix index – Level 2)
- That it is NOT in the public interest to prosecute the YP (low level offence).
- The YP is aged between 10 – 17 years.
- The YP is able to understand the process.
- The YP and victim agree to take part in the process

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- The YP has accepted responsibility for the behaviour amounting to an offence or harm.
- Victim must be agreeable.
- There is participation from at least one victim of the crime committed or other complainant or affected community member.

- The YRD is planned as a quick summary disposal for use at the time of the offence. However, while “on the spot” action is desirable, the process can be delayed, for example to accommodate participants in the process or for a suitable venue. Where consent or powers exist a young person may be taken to the police station to conduct a YRD.

# Who can issue them?

- In order for a YRD to be issued, the restorative part of the disposal must be delivered by a police officer or PCSO trained to at least level 1 in restorative practice (RJ).

# Disqualification from receiving a YRD.

A person is unsuitable for a YRD if:

- He or she denies outright any involvement in the offending or inappropriate behaviour
- He or she is incapable of understanding or unfit through drink, drugs or other substances
- Offender or victim declines to engage in the process
- Offending behaviour is a specifically excluded offence

**A YRD cannot be issued if the young person has previously received:**

- YRD
- Reprimand
- Final Warning
- Conviction

# Explicit exclusions for YRD

- Sexual offences
- Cruelty
- Drugs
- Deaths
- Firearms
- Crossbows
- Offensive weapons
- Road Traffic
- Road Traffic documents

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- Football grounds and sporting events offences
- Interference with the course of justice
- Anti-social behaviour that has resulted in a court order (e.g., ASBO, CRASBO)
- Subject to anything under court jurisdiction (e.g., supervision order, custodial sentence, home detention etc)

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- A YRD **must not** be issued under **any** circumstances where a **weapon** is involved. That includes:

  Possession.

  Implied threats to use.

  Threats to use.

  Actual use.

- A YRD need not be delayed for parents, guardians or carers to be present.
- In all cases, the authorised officer giving the YRD must inform, or cause to be informed, any parents, guardians or carers of the action taken and the effect of that action.
- In cases where outcomes include any material reparation or activity they should be informed in person, or, by telephone prior to agreement.

# A YRD is NOT

- Criminal Conviction
- Citable in court (except in applications for ASBO orders) or at Chief Constables discretion
- Details of YP must not appear in CRB checks for employment purposes
- Details of YP do not appear on PNC

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