

Who are Slough's YJS?

Slough's Youth Justice Service (YJS) are part of Slough Children First.

Our vision is for children and young people in Slough to be Happy, Safe & Loved, Thriving.

The service is a multi-agency team that brings together the experience of police, social care, probation, education and health, in order to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people and to help improve their wellbeing and way of thinking.

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About Out of Court Resolutions



What is an Out of Court Resolution?

An Out of Court Resolution is given to children between the ages of 10–17. It is for those who have committed a crime which is not in the public interest to prosecute.

One of these options is usually given:

1. Community Resolution
2. Youth Caution
3. Youth Conditional Caution

Why are Out of Court Resolutions given?

Sometimes, when a child has committed an offence, depending on the severity of it or if they have committed an offence for the first time, instead of prosecuting them, it may be best to divert them away from the criminal justice system and work with them, their family and the victim(s) informally. It is hoped that this will help them avoid offending again.

More about the types of Out of Court Resolutions

1. Community Resolution

This can be given to a child who has admitted to an offence, it is their first time offending and/or they have committed a low-level offence such as anti-social behaviour.

A community resolution can be an informal process, where the incident is dealt with at the time by the police officer or a formal process. A formal process will involve the child being referred to the Youth Justice Service (YJS) and having support from the parent or carer. This can also involve restorative justice (bringing together those who may have been affected by the crime).

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2. Youth Caution

A Youth Caution is a formal type of Out of Court Resolution that goes through a police panel process. It can be used as an alternative to going to court and is given when a child has admitted to an offence and there is a chance that they will be convicted in court.

A Youth Caution is given without any conditions. There is no penalty for not abiding by it; however, the caution may be mentioned in any future involvement that the child has with the police or criminal justice.

It will involve the child being referred to the YJS and having support from the parent or carer. This can also involve restorative justice (bringing together those who may have been affected by the crime).

3. Youth Conditional Caution

A Youth Conditional Caution is a formal type of Out of Court Resolution that goes through a police panel process. It is given when a child has admitted to an offence, and there is a chance that they will be convicted in court.

A Youth Conditional Caution will have one or more compulsory conditions attached to it, and if the conditions are broken, the child can go to court for the original offence.

The child will be referred to the YJS and will have support from the parent or carer. This can also involve restorative justice.



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