

Does the West Midlands Police Service consider outcome 22 as a positive outcome?

West Midlands Police counts OC22 as 'positive disposal' in its internal Performance Framework, as does His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) (Offence Brought to Justice - OBTJ). However, it is not 'currently' recognised nationally a positive disposal, the Home Office Crime Recording (HO CR) Outcomes framework is currently under review at a national level.

What specific diversionary, educational or intervention schemes do you consider applicable to outcome 22 regarding youth offenders (those under age 18)?

This would be dependent on the Local Policing Area (LPA) relevant to them, as this can vary and would be in conjunction with partner agencies, please see examples below:

With youths, their programme of work is usually a wholistic programme following an in-depth assessment with the Youth Offending Service (YOS). Whilst the work is targeted towards the offence committed, they are generally bespoke to the child, given all of their requirements and needs, victim requirements and using the 'Child First Approach'.

Depending on the offence, generally we would expect to see some Consequential Thinking and Victim awareness work, potentially anger management, potentially knife awareness, alcohol and substance misuse referrals, Joint Enterprise and peer relationships etc.

Offenders would be required to attend appointments with the YOS case manager and a Youth Crime Officer (YCO). They would also be required to go to a Virtual Decisions session if instructed by YOS/YCO or to go to a junior attendance centre. There could also be a referral to Girls Empowerment Team (GET).

What is the policy of the West Midlands Police Service in closing a case under outcome 22?

- **Authorisation will be required by a Dedicated Decision Maker – normally DCI rank.**
- **Most interventions are 1 - 3 sessions in duration.**
- **The exception is New Chance for more complex female offenders where the requirement is to engage for up to 3 months.**
- **Reports can be filed once confirmation of engagement has been received from the provider. (i.e. that the offender has engaged and 'acted to their detriment')**
- **When setting a completion date for the intervention in Deferred Prosecution cases the Limitation of Proceedings must be kept in mind.**
- **Sufficient time is required to complete the investigation and postal charge should the offender breach their conditions.**

The following questions to be answered regarding the financial years to 2021, 2022 and 2023:

How many outcome 22 codes have been applied to crimes whereby a youth has been a suspect?

Date	Total
2021/22	25
2022/23	296
2023/24	627
2024/25	8

How many of those youths have gone on to successfully complete a diversionary, educational or intervention activity following the case they were suspect in being closed under outcome 22?

Please see table above, since we can only claim OC22 when the diversion has occurred this figure will be accurate.

How many of those youths have gone on to be a suspect in a similar offence within 1 year of the case being closed under outcome 22? - **146**