



Response Date:20/01/2025

2025/046 - Deferred prosecution scheme

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I understand that your force has (or had) a deferred prosecution scheme in place (see page 11 of the Out of Court Disposals (Resolutions) National Strategy v2.2).

Please may you:

1. confirm whether a deferred prosecution scheme is in operation;

Yes – we use Checkpoint

2. provide a copy of any guidance note (or advice document(s)) relating to the Deferred Prosecution Scheme disposal option (including both deferred prosecutions and deferred cautions).

Please see attached

3. provide a copy of any statistics held by you on the use of the Deferred Prosecution Scheme disposal option, including how many times it has been used.

The referrals for 1st Jan 2024 to 31st December 2024 were 672.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 17/01/2025



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Checkpoint Cymru and Drug Education Programme

First Time Drug offences

Non First time drug offences

All other offences

*The DEP can be used for anyone caught in possession of a personal amount of any controlled substance ONCE!
It must be Personal Use only*

*Suitable for Out of Court disposal and based on the
Gravity Matrix*

There is no need for a referral form, just follow the process below.

1. Offender must be over 18 and live in North Wales
2. They must admit the offence
3. They must accept an out of court disposal and entry onto Programme
4. Update the OEL / Detention Log with Sgt Script and send the email with the occurrence number to the Checkpoint email address
5. Please ensure there are sufficient contact details on the occurrence
6. Ensure the suspect is not open to any current orders, bail or RUI*

Dispose via the Checkpoint disposal tab or upload PNB signature and Contemporaneous interview

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Navigator will undertake the Drug Education Programme as: x 1 AM or PM Classroom session. If a person during the programme indicates additional needs they can be supported to submit onward referrals to support services.	Navigator will undertake a Full needs assessment and Produce a contract to work on underlying needs including Substance Misuse for up to 4 months.	Navigator will undertake a Full needs assessment and Produce a contract to work on underlying needs for up to 4 months.
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* Unless under RUI for a motoring offence such as Drug Driving awaiting test results

+If you are unsure of eligibility don't hesitate to contact the Checkpoint email for guidance or speak to Anna or your local Navigators

Checkpoint does not accept offences of Assault against Emergency Services or any Domestic Offences



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Based on the premise of out of court disposals and our offender management principles, Checkpoint aims to provide a credible alternative to prosecution, by identifying and supporting relevant needs and the 'critical pathways' out of crime, with the result being that low and medium adult offenders are diverted away from the Criminal Justice System, whilst also addressing the underlying causes of their offending behaviour.

Checkpoint contract.

Checkpoint is a voluntary adult offender project which will result in an exit from the criminal justice system should the bespoke and individually tailored 'contract to engage' be complied with. A failure to complete the Checkpoint contract will result in formal court proceedings being invoked via postal requisition. Checkpoint uses specialist Navigators who prepare, co-ordinate and deliver these bespoke contracts and support offenders to engage with support services to tackle the underlying causes of their offending.

How it works...

Once the offender has been interviewed and the investigative officer process has finished, they are released and given an appointment with a person we are calling a "Navigator". The offender meets with the navigator to discuss their needs and agree a contract which lasts up to four months.

The contract can have a **maximum of** five conditions, as follows:

1. Offending Condition: Not to reoffend over the period of the contract (mandatory)
2. Victims Condition: To take part in a Restorative Approach if the victim wishes
3. Critical Pathway to address offending behaviour (e.g. substance misuse, accommodation, finance, employment, mental or physical health).
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There are strict guidelines for who is eligible for the Checkpoint programme:

1. **The offender must be over 18.**
2. **The offender must live in North Wales.**
3. **The offence must have taken place within North Wales.**
4. **The offence must be suitable for an out of court disposal.**
5. **The offender must not be subject to a court order or be on police/court bail.**
6. **There must be an admission of guilt.**
7. **The subject must agree to participate.**

Checkpoint – Sergeant’s Briefing following VA OOC

1. Checkpoint can be used for out of court disposals as per the gravity matrix.

[http://intranet.nwp.net/oss/ajd/Out%20of%20Court%20Disposals/Gravity%20Matrix%20-%20Adults%20\(%20Feb%202019\).pdf#search=gravity%20matrix](http://intranet.nwp.net/oss/ajd/Out%20of%20Court%20Disposals/Gravity%20Matrix%20-%20Adults%20(%20Feb%202019).pdf#search=gravity%20matrix)

2. If you are satisfied with the out of court disposal option and the length of time of the investigation is less than two months, read the Sergeant’s script (Page 3).

3. If the subject accepts the checkpoint route – the R.O. should report them for consideration of prosecuting them for the offence and the disposal heading Deferred Prosecution - Checkpoint shall be used.

If they accept Checkpoint , the NICHE OEL shall read:

The d/p has admitted the offence for which they have been interviewed voluntarily and, having applied the circumstances of the case to the H/O Gravity Matrix, the d/p is eligible for an out of court disposal.

The d/p is not currently subject to any bail or Court Orders.

As such, the d/p has been provided with details of the Checkpoint Diversion Scheme and has agreed to be referred.

The d/p has been reported for the consideration of prosecution by (R/O details).

Details of the d/p have been emailed to Checkpoint and the R/O has been informed.’

4. If they decline to accept checkpoint, use the following

‘The d/p has admitted the offence for which they have been arrested and, having applied the circumstances of the case to the H/O Gravity Matrix, the d/p is eligible for an out of court disposal.

The d/p is not currently subject to any bail or Court Orders.

As such, the d/p has been provided with details of the Checkpoint Diversion Scheme, but has declined to be referred. The d/p’s reason for this was (.....).

The d/p has therefore been given a Conditional Caution / Community Resolution.’

5. The sergeant will then ensure that an email is sent to the checkpoint manager advising them of the occurrence number so that the manager can transfer the workload onto the navigator.

6. The Reporting Officer will ensure that there is a full update on Niche prior to handover – the offender’s full contact details must be entered and validated.

7. The Reporting Officer must then transfer the master task from their collar to the Checkpoint Cymru pot.

Domestic violence and assaults against emergency service personnel are excluded.

Checkpoint – Sergeant’s Script for purposes of relaying information to the d/p

‘You may be eligible for a voluntary program called Checkpoint, which seeks to reduce the likelihood that you will reoffend; it’s also seeks to improve your life chances and overall wellbeing.

If you successfully complete the program no further action in respect of this/these offence(s) will be taken against you.

The scheme is totally voluntary. If you do not wish to take part you will be dealt with via traditional routes.

If you wish to take part, you will meet with a specialist navigator who will complete a needs assessment with you to find out why you offended, this is normally between 24 and 72 hours from today.

The navigator will draw up a contract to engage lasting up to 4 months. The contract will have a maximum of 5 conditions, one of which is an agreement not to reoffend.

Personal information relating to your particular needs based on a needs assessment will be shared with partner agencies which will require your consent. Privacy information will be provided to you so that you can decide whether you wish to proceed.

Your participation in the program will only show up on a DBS check if the offence is recent and of particular relevance.

If you reoffend or fail to complete the program you will be prosecuted and we will inform the court that we have attempted to divert you away from crime and the Criminal Justice System. The courts may view this as an aggravating factor when sentencing’.