

Jason has committed a low-level offence:



Traditional route

Jason receives a fine for his crime. He does not attempt to address his problems and continues to offend.

He is unaware of the impact of his behaviour on his victims and the community.

He will receive a criminal record.

Divert route

Jason is eligible for Divert and meets his Divert Support Worker. They jointly agree a plan and the Support Officer refers Jason to the services he needs.

He has written a letter of apology to the victim and understands the impact of his offending on the community. He does not re-offend.

Have your say

We have created a short survey so you can give us your feedback about the Divert scheme and how you think it can benefit communities across Cleveland.

Please visit the Police and Crime Commissioner's website

cleveland.pcc.police.uk

and search for 'DIVERT' to take part.

Smart on crime, not soft on crime!

Contact us

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Divert Team on:

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Cleveland Divert offers an alternative way to engage with first time and low-level offenders, instead of sending them to court and prosecuting them.

A person on the scheme is expected to engage in support helping to address the issues in their lives that led to criminal behaviour. These issues - also known as pathways - may include mental health, substance misuse, education or housing problems.

They may also be asked to do something that may repay the community for the harm they caused. This may be voluntary or reparative work, or Restorative Justice directly or indirectly for the victim, if they request it. If they do not complete the programme - they may go to court and to face prosecution.

How will Divert help?

Recent research shows that prosecuting first time and low level offenders does not deter them from re-offending in the future.

Cleveland has some of the highest levels of re-offending for adults and it is essential that we work quickly to support offenders at the earliest opportunity to turn their lives around, in order to reduce further victimisation.



Victims are at the heart of the process

Restorative Justice and victim awareness is an essential part of Divert, which ensures the victim is at the very heart of the process and gives them the opportunity to have their voice heard.



Reducing re-offending creates safer communities

By reducing the risk of individuals becoming entrenched in the cycle of offending, Divert will minimise the impact of future offending on victims and communities. This will enhance public confidence in policing and build more cohesive and safer communities.



The scheme will help to reduce the demand on policing

Policing in Cleveland is under increasing pressure with fewer resources to deal with it. As Divert is a multiagency partnership, it requires fewer operational police resources, freeing up officers to deliver frontline policing.