

Children (Abolition of the Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act

Out of Court Disposals Task and Finish Group

Monday 15 June 2020

Summary of Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welsh Government (WG) welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Minutes and actions

The minutes of the last meeting of 19 December 2019 were agreed.

3. Ratification of documents

Copies of the papers which will help facilitate development of a diversion scheme (developed by the group through previous discussions) were presented for agreement. Subject to a number of small changes these were agreed.

4. Discussion on developing a suitable diversion scheme

A discussion was held on identifying barriers/issues to adapting existing diversion schemes. The practical actions needed to overcome these were considered.

5. Next Steps

The next steps were for WG to update the agreed changes to the papers and circulate for final agreement, ahead of submission to the Strategic Implementation Group meeting on 4 August.

6. Closing Remarks and AOB

The next meeting dates are **8 September 2020** and **2 December 2020**.