

Diversion – Continuum of Actions, Interventions and Programmes

	Light Touch (On the fringes, initial Offending Behaviour - say less than 5 minor incidents?)	Diversion Programme – (Clear offending behaviour)	Charge and Prosecution	High Support / Post Release
Under 12s	Referral to family/child support services, youth service. Referral could be by any agency, including Gardai and community organisations, Local coordinating mechanisms in place to facilitate appropriate support, including case conferencing and management.			
12-18	Simple Garda warning leading to discretionary disposal of offences in accordance with approved guidelines, with explicit links to family/child support services, youth services, supported by local coordination mechanisms. Review and re-align youth services (nationally and regionally) to ensure that relevant measures programmes (GYDPs, General Youth Services, School Completion, Home-School Liaison, Youthreach) provide enhanced responses in the best interest of children and young people. (This would actually support those at all stages of the system)	Garda Caution and Supervision explicitly linked to community supports Conditions could be attached to Cautions with clear consequences for non-compliance. Programmes such GYDPs and YPP (Probation Service) with continual evidence-based development. Special Project approaches for habitual offenders All of these explicitly linked to community supports	Consider a new facility for deferral or withdrawal of prosecution or withdrawal of charges, subject to compliance with Diversion measures Bail Supervision support (to be developed from existing pilot scheme) All of these explicitly linked to community supports	Special Project approaches for habitual offenders. Y-JARC approach (to be developed from existing pilots) All of these explicitly linked to community supports, which are resourced and available to An Garda Síochána and the Courts in practice as options.
18- 24	Simple Garda warning leading to a discretionary disposal of offence in accordance with approved guidelines.	Adult Caution Requirements for reporting/ supervision / restorative measures Linking to health / welfare / employment services Development of a range of pilot approaches	Consider new facility to allow for deferral of prosecution (by DPP?) subject to compliance with conditions (e.g. mentoring, participation in Education or personal development etc.)	Special Project/programme approaches for habitual offenders JARC (to be developed from existing pilots)