

Victim Awareness Course

An out of court disposal (O OCD) course following an alcohol related Community Resolution or a Conditional Caution.

- Duration: 3 hours
- Delegates: up to 12 offenders
- Course Fee: £TBC, 100% funded by offender
- Format: Online Virtual Classroom delivery via Zoom



Virtual classroom



Classroom workshop



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Course Eligibility

The Victim Awareness Course (VAC) is a rehabilitative course designed for low level offences to reduce reoffending through victim empathy, putting the victim at the heart of the system, and improving the offender's thinking skills. Victim Awareness is about understanding the impact of crime on a victim or potential victims. Rehabilitation in this context is about effecting positive change in offenders.

The offenders referred for the VAC course have received an out of court disposal order due to committing one of the following offences:

- Low-value theft
- Common assault
- Public order offences under section 4a and section 5 of the Public Order Act
- Low-value criminal damage



Delivery method

The course will be delivered as a Virtual Classroom using the Zoom.us online digital platform.

This enables the offenders to be actively involved in peer-to-peer discussions, as if they were in a traditional classroom setting, whilst remaining COVID-19 safe.

The session will be capped at a ratio of 12 offenders to 1 trainer.

Workshop classroom delivery is also available.



Course referral, booking, administration & Reporting



Stage 1 - Referral

Offender identified whilst in custody as eligible for O OCD.

Police produce electronic referral list (CR1 template) which is securely send via CJSM.

Offender has 14-days to book their course, which must be attended and completed within 12-weeks of the O OCD.

Stage 2 - Booking

Offender contacts TTC to book and pay for course online following leaflet guidance.

Alternatively, if no contact is made by offender within 7-days of O OCD issue, TTC contacts each referred offender using CR1 data to offer pre-allocated course date.

Client completes course fee payment by telephone.

Stage 3 - Course

Offender joins scheduled Virtual Classroom online, using the joining instructions supplied by TTC.

TTC Trainer records those offenders who:

- Successfully completed course
- Failed to attend course
- Failed to complete course

Stage 4 - Report

TTC produce monthly Management Information via CJSM, detailing:

- Successful completions
- Failed to book within O OCD date
- Failed to attend course
- Failed to complete course

Key benefits to implementing TTC's Victim Awareness Course



Supports the NPCC two-tier national strategy



Improves attitudes and thinking towards low level offences, reducing re-offending rates



No financial cost to the PCC, funded solely by the course fee paid for by the offender



Victim Awareness Course referral templates (CR1) supplied by TTC



Simple to implement delivery model already in use by other forces



Monthly electronic reports for completions and failed to attend



Reduced administration burden to police force, requiring only CJSM offender referral data transfer



Referral system significantly increases offender booking rate and overall effectiveness of scheme

Victim Awareness Course Outline

The outline for this course is based upon evidence-based psychological literature of the theories used in behaviour change, in particular those theories used in offender behaviour change.

Structured as a behaviour change intervention, referred participants undergo a range of engaging activities, leading them through a process aimed at developing motivation to change, developing an intention to change and supporting goals and plans to enable change to happen.

Module One: Consequences of Crime

Considering four different case studies, each showing the different consequences that crime can have upon people's everyday lives.

Module Two: The impact of crime on victims and the wider community

Offenders are led through scenarios demonstrating how wide the effects of low-level crime can be felt by their victims and the wider community.

Module Three: Personal responsibility

With a greater understanding of the impact that crime has on victims, we consider the offender's personal responsibility to make fairer, better decision making, considering implications of each decision.

Module Four: Making choices - personal motivation to change

Offenders identify personal motivation to change. Offenders are sign-posted to additional sources of help and support to maintain long-term behaviour change.



Action planning & behaviour change



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