



Police believe child has committed a crime and child is arrested or undertakes voluntary interview

Child taken to police station or other location. PACE interview with appropriate adult present

Police decision

NFA
Child is innocent, not sufficient evidence or it is not in the public interest to proceed

May go to preventative programme

Out of court/ Diversionary

Child admits offence. Diverted out of the court system (**non-formal intervention following triage or formal** cautions, conditional cautions)

Formal charge then

Bailed (with or without police bail conditions) to court to appear at a specified date

Remanded
Kept in **police** custody or remanded to LA care (*becomes a child in our care, until court date*)

Released under investigation
Released from custody without being charged

First court appearance
Youth Court unless remanded from police custody.

Appears at next available court, which may be an adult court (if non youth court day).

If remand is to Youth Detention Accommodation, the child has looked after status

Decision to remand or release on bail.

Child enters plea.

Not guilty
Court sets trial date

Guilty
Court can sentence or adjourn for pre-sentence report

Trial takes place and verdict issued

Not Guilty
Child is acquitted and free to go immediately

Guilty
Court can sentence or adjourn for pre-sentence report

Sentencing
Court chooses from a range of options, usually focused on rehabilitation, not punishment

Fine or Discharge

Absolute
No punishment

Conditional
No punishment unless child reoffends within a set period

Sentences in the Community
Child stays in the community to serve sentence supervised by YJS. Orders can be revoked early where positive progress is made.

Reparation Order

Up to 3 months – Repair harm, restorative work

Referral Order

Up to a year – Child goes to community panel where ‘contract’ of agreed reparation, activities, intervention agreed

Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO)

Up to 3 years but usually 6 – 18 months. Court sets conditions. In most serious cases, can include **Intensive Supervision & Surveillance (ISS)** Alternative to custody. Daily contact with YJS, curfew, electronic monitoring

Custody
Child is incarcerated

Detention Training Order (DTO)
For 4 months to 2 years in Young Offender Institution, **secure training centre** or Secure School

Section 90/91
Longer sentences for more serious crimes

