

# Police Drug Diversion Evaluation (EAF)

## Thames Valley Police: Police drug diversion- Descriptive Manual Addendum

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Introduction



The Thames Valley Police (TVP) manual [Police Drug Diversion PDD TVP Druglink](#) details the TVP Police led drug diversion scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Due to the collection of both aggregate and quantitative data being gathered during the period Oct 22-Oct 23, it is justified to produce an addendum to capture significant changes to the TVP scheme since 1<sup>st</sup> April 23.

Therefore, an addendum to record changes is a requirement to assess fidelity and account for any impact observed post 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## Scope & Purpose

The purpose of this addendum is to record the changes made by TVP to their Police Drug Diversion scheme since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

## Context of changes

- Introduction of the 2 Tier-framework stimulated force discussion.
- Planning for Custody 2025: introduction of the pilot, Red Snapper, eLearning package for community resolution orders. Focused on promoting behaviour change through drug education that produces written output by the divertee. This offers a process for feedback to TVP about the individual's relationship with their drug use.
- Funding for expanded Red Snapper (RS) courses.
- Aim to simplify process of PDD and ensure cost effectiveness.
- Development of out of court disposal team to provide more holistic needs assessment and follow up.

## Timeline of changes 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 (post RS pilot)

### Druglink (DL)

### Red Snapper (RS)

TVP Conditional Cautions and Community Resolutions referred to DL only

Up to - March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

Continued charge to user of payment of £75 CC (CR diverted to RS)

1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

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Red snapper courses introduced as diversion pathway for CR and CC  
Free of charge to user

Follow up support services updated and formalised – added peer session via Zoom

July 2023

Content change for e-learning and /in person group sessions

August 2023

Development staff training- new material

Nov2023

Druglink continue to receive referrals for CRs from TVP

e-Learning content development & Feedback process formalised

October 2023

November 2023

Evaluation by CJ team- now to assign pathway on a case-by-case basis taking individual needs and initial police interaction into account. Continued use of Druglink courses for CRs.

Zoom peer support groups formalised as DL regular offer

December 2023

Druglink updated useful support links

February 2024

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TVP update document with signposting information to drug support agencies. To be embedded in RS courses as PDF

Both e-learning & online/group session material accredited by Advantage Accreditation

December 2023

Current position in April 2024. Druglink get referrals for PDD:  
- Community Resolutions (e-learning course £25)  
- Conditional cautions - (three hour facilitated group in person or online £75)

March 2024

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Current position in April 2024. Red Snapper get referrals for PDD:  
- Community Resolutions (standard version, free of charge to user)  
- Conditional Caution – (premium hub, free of charge to user)

## Red Snapper: Summary piece

Red Snapper builds online offending behaviour programmes which can be used for individuals that need support or behaviour change. They include courses for anger management, emotional wellbeing, shoplifting, alcohol and drug use.

There are three courses related to substance use: cannabis awareness, cocaine awareness and drug awareness.

The programmes are focused on helping individuals to recognise harms associated with their drug use and to question why they use drugs and recognise the impact their use has on themselves and others. The aim is to set smart goals to address or reduce drug use.

## Overview of introduction of Red Snapper for PDD

Prior to March 2023 Red Snapper were offering other courses to TVP, i.e. Anger management

Funding expanded for a twelve-month pilot – Red Snapper able to offer two levels of service: standard and premium. The benefits of the premium programme are:

- Inclusion of more strength-based language for individuals to identify their strengths and qualities and how they're going to achieve their reduction in use
- Premium hub is a more interactive platform
- More visually friendly
- About 20 minutes longer
- Free of charge to user (TVP fund a set number of sign-ins)
- More positive in how it engages individuals
- Offer an integrated PDF with relevant weblinks for support to the user

## Reporting

Red Snapper report monthly outcome to TVP, which includes adherence and performance data. \*Druglink continue as per manual\*

There is also the option that Red Snapper can monitor the qualitative responses for safeguarding issues. If required, Red Snapper will provide signposting information and offer ongoing contact if the individual needs more support.

TVP have chosen to carry out the monitoring of the post programme reports in-house.

Are divertee responses (action plans/reflections) monitored by TVP and acted upon if required.

## Updated useful links available at the end of Druglink courses

We have also provided you with some useful links which may have been referred to during the course:

[www.calculator.net/bac-calculator.html](http://www.calculator.net/bac-calculator.html)

[www.nhs.uk/mental-health/talking-therapies-medicine-treatments/medicines-and-psychiatry/ssri-antidepressants/overview/](http://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/talking-therapies-medicine-treatments/medicines-and-psychiatry/ssri-antidepressants/overview/)

[www.drugsand.me/tools/interactions/](http://www.drugsand.me/tools/interactions/)

[www.wearetheloop.org](http://www.wearetheloop.org)

[www.iamsobber.com](http://www.iamsobber.com)

[www.drinkcoach.org.uk](http://www.drinkcoach.org.uk)

[www.drydays.me](http://www.drydays.me)

[www.druglink.co.uk](http://www.druglink.co.uk)

<https://www.rethink.org/advice-and-information/about-mental-illness/learn-more-about-conditions/cannabis-and-mental-health/>

<https://unlock.org.uk/disclosure-calculator/>

[www.drugsmeter.com](http://www.drugsmeter.com)

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/talking-therapies-medicine-treatments/talking-therapies-and-counselling/nhs-talking-therapies/>

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