



Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 23

PART I

REFERRALS TO YOUTH OFFENDER PANELS

Youth offender contracts

8 First meeting: agreement of contract with offender

- (1) At the first meeting of the youth offender panel established for an offender the panel shall seek to reach agreement with the offender on a programme of behaviour the aim (or principal aim) of which is the prevention of re-offending by the offender.
- (2) The terms of the programme may, in particular, include provision for any of the following—
 - (a) the offender to make financial or other reparation to any person who appears to the panel to be a victim of, or otherwise affected by, the offence, or any of the offences, for which the offender was referred to the panel;
 - (b) the offender to attend mediation sessions with any such victim or other person;
 - (c) the offender to carry out unpaid work or service in or for the community;
 - (d) the offender to be at home at times specified in or determined under the programme;
 - (e) attendance by the offender at a school or other educational establishment or at a place of work;
 - (f) the offender to participate in specified activities (such as those designed to address offending behaviour, those offering education or training or those assisting with the rehabilitation of persons dependent on, or having a propensity to misuse, alcohol or drugs);
 - (g) the offender to present himself to specified persons at times and places specified in or determined under the programme;

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- (h) the offender to stay away from specified places or persons (or both);
 - (i) enabling the offender's compliance with the programme to be supervised and recorded.
- (3) The programme may not, however, provide—
 - (a) for the electronic monitoring of the offender's whereabouts; or
 - (b) for the offender to have imposed on him any physical restriction on his movements.
- (4) No term which provides for anything to be done to or with any such victim or other affected person as is mentioned in subsection (2)(a) may be included in the programme without the consent of that person.
- (5) Where a programme is agreed between the offender and the panel, the panel shall cause a written record of the programme to be produced forthwith—
 - (a) in language capable of being readily understood by, or explained to, the offender, and
 - (b) for signature by him.
- (6) Once the record has been signed—
 - (a) by the offender, and
 - (b) by a member of the panel on behalf of the panel,the terms of the programme, as set out in the record, take effect as the terms of a "youth offender contract" between the offender and the panel; and the panel shall cause a copy of the record to be given or sent to the offender.