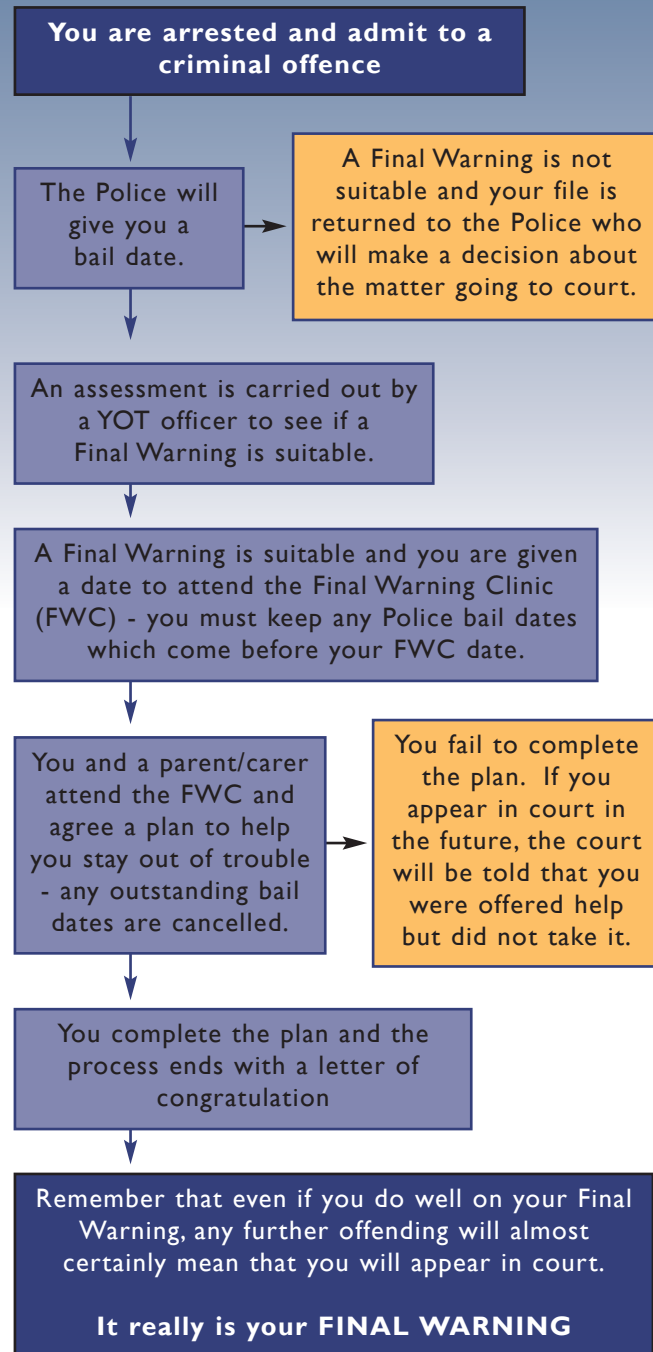


The Final Warning Process



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Equal Opportunities

At all times you have the right to be treated fairly and without discrimination. This means the Youth Offending Panels and YOT staff will treat you fairly whatever your race, colour, sex, sexuality or disability. You are also expected to behave equally fairly towards other people.

Complaints Procedure

If you feel you have been treated unfairly or unreasonably by the YOT or Youth Offender Panels you can make a complaint. To do this, contact the Calderdale YOT Manager at the above address.

Data Protection

The Calderdale Youth Offending Team deals with personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998. Some of these may be sensitive such as criminal offences, proceedings and convictions. We may share some or all of them with other Council departments, our agents, service providers or other third parties. When involving any third party we shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that they will keep your personal data secure and treat it confidentially. If you are worried about giving us your personal details or about us sharing them with others, please discuss this with the member of staff who is dealing with your case. We will explain what you can do.

Accessibility

These information leaflets are available in a number of different formats and languages from our Halifax office, or from our website.

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Final Warning

What it means to you



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What is a Final Warning?

A Final Warning is an alternative to prosecution. A Final Warning means that in addition to receiving the Warning from the police you will also be offered guidance to help you stay clear of further offending.

Final Warnings can only be made if you agree that you have committed the offence for which you have been arrested.

What happens?

A worker from the Youth Offending Team will be your Supervising Officer. They will explain the process to you and tell you when you have to attend for your Final Warning to be given.

Your Supervising Officer will discuss the offence you have committed and help to identify any issues which might lead you into further offending. A plan of work to tackle them will be agreed.

What are these issues?

The issues are things that affect the way you feel, think and behave.

Such as:

- Family issues
- School, training and work
- Pressure from your friends
- Alcohol and drugs
- Your temper
- Your attitude to offending.

All these things affect your behaviour, your family, your friends and your future.

Another issue is the Youth Justice System itself, how it works and where you are in it.

How many sessions will there be?

This depends on the seriousness of your offence, the issues and what is needed. There can be as many as 5 or 6, or only 1 or 2 sessions.

The reasons why you offended will be addressed and, if appropriate, there may be an opportunity for you to make amends to those affected.

The sessions can help you to deal with problems and to make better choices for your future.

Why do you get a Final Warning?

The decision to give you a Final Warning depends on two things:

1. How serious the offence is
2. Whether or not you have already had a **REPRIMAND**

For a first and less serious offence you are likely to receive a Reprimand.

If your offence is too serious for a Reprimand, or if you have already had a Reprimand, then you will receive a Final Warning.

If your offence is very serious, you cannot be given a Final Warning - you will have to go to court to be prosecuted.

The police have a table of offences which they use to decide how serious your offence is.

Do you get another chance?

*Once you have had a Final Warning you **CANNOT** have another one, should you re-offend within 2 years.*

SHOULD YOU DO SO YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED

Does this go on your criminal record?

A Final Warning stays on your record until 5 years have passed from the date of the Warning.

You should note that if you have been warned for an offence of a sexual nature you will be required to go on the Sex Offenders' Register.

If you are convicted of a further offence the court will be informed about your Final Warning and whether you co-operated with it.