



Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 6

PART III

MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY REFERRAL OF YOUNG OFFENDERS

Youth offender contracts

25 First meeting: failure to agree contract

- (1) Where it appears to a youth offender panel to be appropriate to do so, the panel may—
 - (a) end the first meeting (or any further meeting held in pursuance of paragraph (b) below) without having reached agreement with the offender on a programme of behaviour of the kind mentioned in section 23(1) above; and
 - (b) resume consideration of the offender's case at a further meeting of the panel.
- (2) If, however, it appears to the panel at the first meeting or any such further meeting that there is no prospect of agreement being reached with the offender within a reasonable period after the making of the referral order (or orders)—
 - (a) subsection (1)(b) above shall not apply; and
 - (b) instead the panel shall refer the offender back to the appropriate court.
- (3) If at a meeting of the panel—
 - (a) agreement is reached with the offender but he does not sign the record produced in pursuance of section 23(5) above, and
 - (b) his failure to do so appears to the panel to be unreasonable,the panel shall end the meeting and refer the offender back to the appropriate court.