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“ It is essential the community has confidence that when police discretion is applied... it is used in a consistent way and that appropriate oversight and monitoring arrangements are in place. ”

**CJI Chief Inspector
Jacqui Durkin**



**“ The use of discretion
by police officers isn’t
easy to do but it is vital
they get it right. ”**

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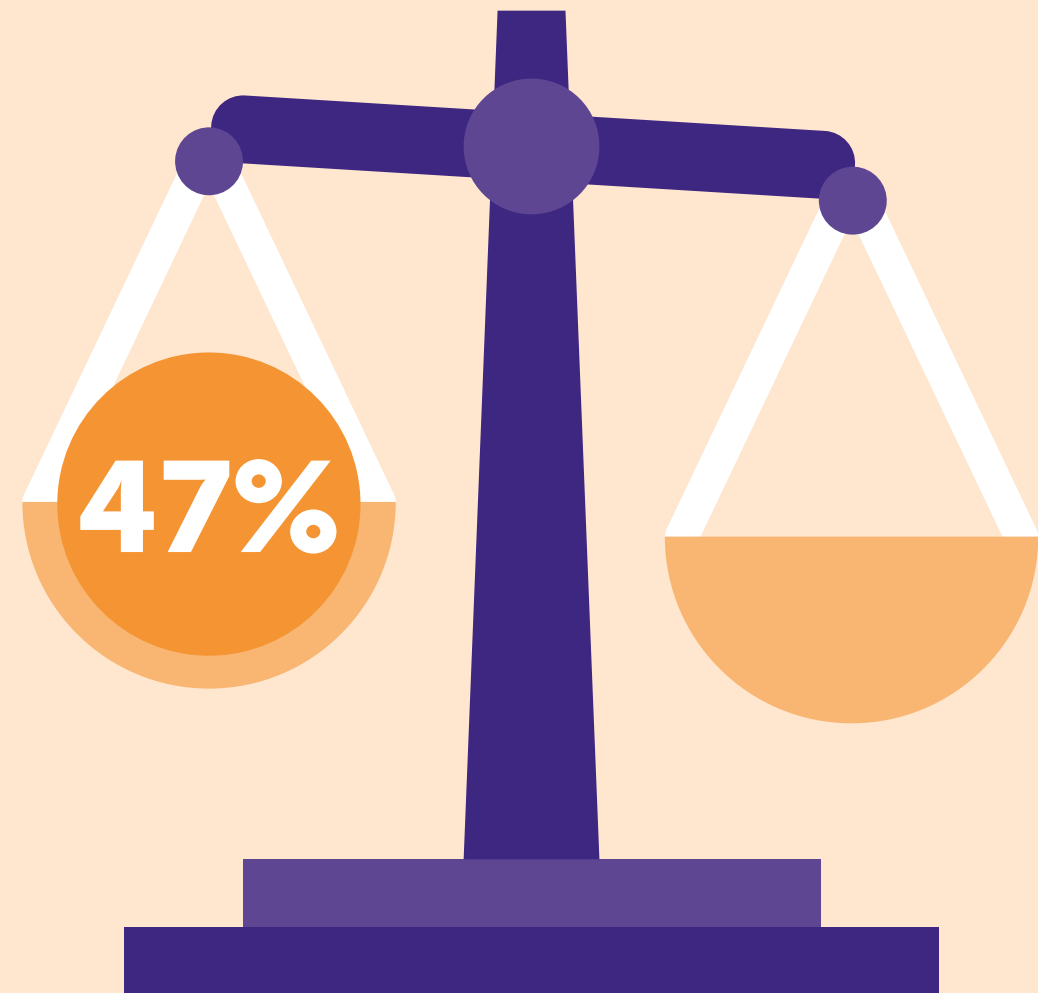
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**47% OF CASES BEFORE
THE COURTS IN
2019-20 WERE FOR
OFFENCES WITH LESS
SEVERE PENALTIES AND
IMPRISONMENT TERMS
(SUMMARY OFFENCES).**



SOURCE: PPS STATISTICAL BULLETIN 2019-20 JULY 2020.

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**THERE ARE
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
POLICE
DISPOSALS
INCLUDING:**

POLICE DISPOSALS

- ☐ **FIXED PENALTY
NOTICES**
- ☐ **COMMUNITY
RESOLUTION NOTICES**
- ☐ **PENALTY NOTICES
FOR DISORDER**