

**ORIGINATOR:** Amanda Murr

**DECISION NO.** 04/2022

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION:** For Decision

**SUBMITTED TO:** Police and Crime Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** St Giles SOS+ Project

**SUMMARY:**

Please note the following decision notice is an extension to the original Grant Decision Notice No 2019/11.

In April 2018 the Government published its Serious Violence Strategy setting out a programme of work to respond to increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide.

The Strategy set out a multiple strand approach that is not solely focused on law enforcement and an emphasis on a multi-agency approach to early intervention and prevention. The aims were to tackle the root causes of violence and prevent young people for getting involved in crime in the first place.

St Giles were first commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commission for Norfolk (OPCCN) in November 2018 to run the SOS+ Project. The project supports communities tackling serious violence by engaging in early intervention and prevention programmes. The SOS+ Project runs preventative sessions to school aged children across Norfolk, offering intensive 1:1 support for 'high risk' young people and delivering awareness raising sessions to parents, teachers, and professionals

St Giles originally received £89,028 under the [Hidden Victims' Fund](#) and a further £87,737 under the [Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund](#) to run the three-year SOS+ Project.

There is a need to extend the work of the St Giles Trust SOS+ project for a short period of time in Norfolk. This will enable the work of key strategic partners such as Norfolk Childrens Social Care, through the direction of the Vulnerable Adolescents Group (VAG), to develop and mobilise new multi-agency interventions and initiatives which tackle serious violence at the earliest opportunity.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the PCC for Norfolk support the additional extended funding further year past the original funding period, November 2018 to end October 2021, to cover 1<sup>st</sup> November 21 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 22.

**OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:** ~~PCC/CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER~~ (Delete as appropriate)

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature**

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**Date: 07/02/2022**

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

1.1 The aims of the original Hidden Victim Fund in 2019 – providing a preventative service to the following subject groups throughout the County of Norfolk where additional support is required:

- Modern Slavery
- Gangs, Guns and Knives
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Criminal Exploitation of Vulnerable Groups

1.2 The aims of the Early Intervention Youth Fund 2018 – providing early intervention programmes with young people (under 18 years) at risk of criminal involvement, as victims and/or perpetrators through:

- Delivering services to support and prevent young people from getting involved in crime by supporting positive activities
- Delivering positive outcomes for young people, focused on addressing risk factors which are linked to serious violence
- Building on and developing our understanding of what works in practice for tackling these risk factors
- Driving improved local, multi-agency partnership working: and most crucially,
- Reducing the levels of serious violence and crime
- tackling the root causes of violence and prevent young people for getting involved in crime in the first place.

1.3 The objectives and aims of the original funding grants are still part of the continued preventative and early intervention work within the Norfolk partnership.

### **2. BACKGROUND:**

2.1 In 2019 Norfolk experienced a significant increase in serious violence associated with County Lines activity and its main threat is the emergence of associated locally based criminal gangs.

2.2 The County Lines agenda in Norfolk is driven by the Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP). Following a strategic assessment of crime and disorder issues in Norfolk, the NCCSP Plan (2021-2024) has determined County Lines remains one of the seven key priorities where a multi-agency response is required as the issues are complex and require collaboration to make an impact.

2.3 The SOS+ Norfolk Project supported the original aims of the Early Intervention Youth Fund, Hidden Victims Fund and the County Lines agenda by providing support and early intervention with young people and delivering awareness raising sessions to parents, teachers and professionals across the county. Support has been delivered within a multi-agency partnership and develop understanding of what works and what doesn't work in practice to reduce levels of serious violence and crime.

2.4 There is a need to extend the work of the St Giles Trust SOS+ project for a short period of time. This will enable the work of the key strategic partnerships and agencies such as Norfolk Childrens Social Care, through the direction of the Vulnerable Adolescents Group, to develop and mobilise new multi-agency interventions and initiatives which tackle serious violence at the earliest opportunity.

### **3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 3.1 As the operator of the SOS+ Norfolk Project, the St Giles Trust will be required to continue the following:
- Manage and maintain a Facilitator/Case worker
  - Provide additional preventative sessions and 1-2-1 resource for the life of the project for:
    - schools and PRU's reaching 12000 children and young people
    - awareness raising sessions for up to 8,130 teachers and professionals
    - awareness raising sessions for up to 1,700 parents
    - 1-2-1 referrals for up to 60 children and young people considered 'high risk'

### **4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

- 4.1 Not funding St Giles for a further period. This option was rejected as St Giles are well recognised and embedded within the partnership. They have provided a clear exit strategy which will allow for partners to mobilise their developed responses to serious violence.

### **5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:**

- 5.1 The delivery of the SOS+ Project in Norfolk supports the National Strategy published in April 2018 named 'Serious Violence Strategy'. This project also supports the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020 and the strategic aims of prevention of offending and to support victims and reduce vulnerability.

### **6 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 Total of Grant Award in 2019 was £176,765 was made from the Hidden Victim Fund and Early Intervention fund.
- 6.2 The total award of this grant period is £21,020
- 6.3 Financial Breakdown over the next 4 months:

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| <b>Financial Year Breakdown</b> | 2021/2022 |
|                                 | £21,020   |

### **7 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

- 7.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.
- 7.2 An assessment of risk in delivery of this service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought, the duration of the delivery period, history of delivery and ability to deliver this project of the awardee.
- 7.3 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered; St Giles is required to notify the PCC as per the conditions of the award.

| <b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>   | <b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b> |
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| Has legal advice been sought on this submission?  | <b>No</b>                         |
| Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?   | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?   | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| Have human resource implications been considered?   | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?  | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?   | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?  | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?  | <b>Yes</b>                        |
| <p data-bbox="204 1422 788 1458"><b>Is this report a Confidential Decision?</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; gap: 20px;"> <input data-bbox="1066 1440 1187 1509" type="checkbox"/> <input data-bbox="1259 1440 1380 1509" type="checkbox" value="NO"/> </div> <p data-bbox="204 1534 1430 1570">If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the <a href="#">PCC Decision Making Policy</a></p> |                                   |

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER** (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

**Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.



**Signature:**

**Date: 07/02/2022**

**Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)**

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,  
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,  
OR
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves  
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

**Signature:**



**Date: 07/02/022**

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