



Reply to: Leah Smith
Telephone: 01953 424455
Date: 18 March 2025

Dear Member of Public,

RE: Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/250

I am writing in connection with your email dated 25 February 2025, in which you requested the following information:

Safer Streets Funding Allocations and Impact

Please provide information on the allocation of Safer Streets funding from the Home Office to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) over the past five years, including:

- Annual funding amounts received from the Safer Streets scheme.
- A breakdown of how these funds have been allocated (e.g., community safety initiatives, CCTV expansion, street lighting improvements, youth intervention programs).
- Any notable projects or initiatives that have been funded and their reported outcomes.
- Changes in funding levels year-on-year and any consequences of increased or reduced funding.

I have reviewed our records and can advise the following:

The OPCCN was awarded funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund on three occasions over the past five years. On two occasions, the OPCCN did not bid for Home Office Safer Streets Funding, but Norwich City Council and Great Yarmouth Borough Council did and were awarded funds.

Annual fund amounts received is publicly available via our decision notices on our website. You can find them here:

- Safer Streets Fund Round 1 (awarded 2020). Original decision notice is confidential because it talks about locations vulnerable to burglary – however this press release covers the initial award: [Initiative to reduce burglaries and thefts in Norwich welcomed by PCC and partners | Norfolk PCC](#). During this round of funding, Norfolk OPCC were awarded additional funding covered in [Decision-Notice-01-2021-Safer-Streets-Fund-Great-Yarmouth.pdf](#)
- Safer Streets Fund Round 3 (awarded 2021) allocation can be found here [OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SUFFOLK](#)
- Safer Streets Fund Round 5 (awarded 2023) allocation can be found here [Decision Notice for Safer Streets Fund Round 5](#). Please note, this allocation was revised down by the Home Office. The subsequent decision notice can be found here [DN 28 Safer Streets Fund 5](#).

A breakdown of how these funds are allocated are also within these decision notices.

Notable projects can be found in the following press releases:

- [PCC joins forces with police to launch scheme aimed at reducing crime in hotspot areas | Norfolk PCC](#)
- [Vital funding helps ensure education to end violence against women and girls in Norfolk](#)
- [PCC supports Enough campaign](#)
- [New year, new look for town's historic Rows - Great Yarmouth Borough Council](#)
- [Sound camera helps curb anti-social driving in Great Yarmouth - BBC News](#)
- [Initiative to reduce burglaries and thefts in Norwich welcomed by PCC and partners | Norfolk PCC](#)
- This scheme was part funded by the Safer Streets Fund Round 3 [Bystander Intervention Programme](#)

Please be aware that a press release for the Safer Streets Fund Round 5 is in development and will be available in the near future. It will utilise final outcome reporting, which will not be available until late April 2025.

In regards to changes in funding levels, Safer Streets funding has been provided via grants. The OPCCN were granted money to deliver specific interventions over a set time and it was clearly communicated that the Home Office would not provide funding for continuity of these interventions beyond the end of each grant round. Therefore, there was a limited consequence of the changing sizes of grant awarded to the OPCCN. However, in Safer Streets Fund Round 5, the original 'award' was reduced for the second financial year by £180,000, which resulted in the cancelling and scaling of planned intervention. The specifics of this are details in the relevant decision notices.

Yours sincerely

L. Smith

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Complaints and Compliance Manager and FOI Decision Maker

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Internal Review

If you think we have not supplied information in accordance with Section 1 (the General Right of Access) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, or you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, then you should write within 40 days of the date of the response to:

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If you are dissatisfied in any way with our response or the way we have handled your request, you can contact us by phone, email or in writing. We may, in the first instance, try and resolve your complaint informally. However, at any stage you can request, or we may decide to treat your complaint formally under our internal review process.

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If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied then you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, the government regulator for the Freedom of Information Act. Details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office can be found at www.ico.org.uk