



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Director of Policy and
Commissioning

DECISION NO. 2019/ 61

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Detached Youth Work Project Funding

SUMMARY: Norfolk's crime profile has been influenced by the influx of County Lines linked offending and wider changes in the way crime is committed. Violence and the threat of violence are used by County Lines gangs in the criminal exploitation of vulnerable people, as identified in Norfolk Constabulary's crime profile assessment.

County Lines has been linked to the criminal exploitation of children and therefore the influx of County Lines necessitates measures to prevent the criminal exploitation of young people locally. The OPCCN received funding from the Home Office to respond to serious violence locally and part of this bid was to deploy detached youth workers in the greater Norwich area to engage with young people at risk, build relationships, undertake positive activities and strengthen their resilience to exploitation.

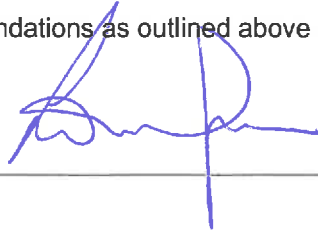
The detached youth work team will be managed and operated by Norfolk County Council Children's Services for a period of twelve months as an integral part of the Multi Agency Child exploitation approach being developed in the county. The service will be subject to a full evaluation by the Home Office and the OPCCN.

RECOMMENDATION: Fund a one-year pilot to test the efficacy of detached youth in identifying and reducing the risk of children from child exploitation and county lines drug dealing

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

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature



Date

2/25/19

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 The key objectives for the Early Intervention Youth Fund (which provides the funding for the Detached Youth Work Service) are:
- Provision of high-quality support and advice to young people who are at risk of criminal involvement
 - Improved local, multi-agency partnership working
 - Reduction in harm caused by serious violence
 - Reduction in prevalence of serious violence
- 1.2 The Detached Youth Work Service will utilise and test the extent to which a relationship-based detached youth work in locations where young people choose to be has a positive impact in reducing risk of criminal exploitation.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 In early April 2018 the Home Office released its 'Serious Violence Strategy', which committed to providing funding to initiatives that worked with young people early, to prevent serious violence through the Early Intervention Youth Fund.
- 2.2 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk's successful bid to the Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund included a Detached Youth Work Service to utilise and test the extent to which a relationship-based detached youth work in locations where young people choose to be has a positive impact in reducing risk of criminal exploitation.
- 2.3 The detached youth work team will comprise a minimum of 2.5 full time equivalent (FTE) qualified youth workers, including a team leader, linked to the new Multi-Agency Criminal Exploitation Team in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.
- 2.4 The service will utilise and test the extent to which a relationship-based detached youth work in locations where young people choose to be has a positive impact in reducing risk of criminal exploitation.
- 2.5 The aim is for the detached team to provide intervention earlier in the prevention journey by engaging with those young people who are not known to other services (although recognising that there may be a crossover).
- 2.6 The detached workers will be able to respond according to the identified need, including if necessary a referral to and support from wider services, including the Multi-Agency Criminal Exploitation Team.
- 2.4 The desired outcomes are:
- Young people engaged building trusted relationships with adults to increase their resilience.
 - Young people able to make informed decisions regarding risky behaviours and decreasing vulnerability to exploitation.

- Reduced the likelihood of involvement in child criminal exploitation of those engaged in the service.
- Improve community cohesion.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

3.1 As the operator, Norfolk County Council is required to:

- Deliver the service for a minimum period of twelve months, up until 31 March 2020.
- Provide signposting to diversionary positive activities.
- Collate and report of the following data...
 - Activities.
 - Number of young people engaged with.
 - Young people supported.
 - Referrals to MACE team.
 - Activities by type.

4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

4.1 Not funding the scheme – this option has been rejected due the partnership funding arrangements of the overall pilot and the obligation so placed upon the OPCCN to put in place a programme of activity addressing criminal exploitation, County Lines and gang and youth violence.

5 STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

5.1 This programme will support both Priority 4 and Priority 5 of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk – to prevent offending. The strategic objectives supported by the Detached Youth Workers are:

- Priority 4 – To Prevent Offending
 - SO12: Tackle all forms of violence and abuse.
 - SO14: Continue to work in partnership to tackle anti-social behaviour.
 - SO15: Reduce overall levels of reoffending by addressing the underlying causes through continued collaboration and new innovative responses.
 - SO16: Reduce the number of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system, the number of young adults entering custody and reoffending rates of young people by prioritising support for vulnerable young people
- Priority 5 – Support victims and reduce vulnerability.
 - SO18: Work in partnership to make those at risk less vulnerable to victimisation

- SO20: Work in partnership to reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on communities, families and people at risk

5.2 This programme is also supportive of national strategic objectives set in the Serious Violence Strategy as it supports early intervention and prevention of criminal exploitation through County Lines.

6 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The total cost of this service is £143,800. This will be provided over a two-year period, broken down across financial years as below:

Financial Year Breakdown	2018/19	2019/20
Grant Amount	6,700	136,100

7 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

7.1 None

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes

Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

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

19.3.2019

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: 19. MARCH 2019

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