



Subject: Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) Summer Programme

Originator: Serious Violence Policy and Programme Manager

Decision no. 24/2023

Reason for submission: For decision

Submitted to: PCC

Summary:

Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner is the grant holder of Home Office funding to deliver a local response to the Serious Violence Duty. As part of this response the Serious Violence Duty responsible authorities have agreed to allocate £15,460 of Serious Violence Duty Funding to the Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) Summer Programme 2023. The TYSS Summer Programme provides summer programme activities to children and young people living in Norfolk who are open to Children's services and identified as at risk of exploitation and / or serious youth violence, as well as children and young people who have been identified through a contextual safeguarding approach by community based preventive youth work.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the PCC for Norfolk provide Serious Violence Duty grant funding to Norfolk County Council to provide the Targeted Youth Support Service Summer Programme to enable the delivery of Norfolk's partnership response to the Serious Violence Duty.

Outcome/approval by: PCC/~~chief executive~~/~~chief finance officer~~
(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature: 

Date: 12/10/2023

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 The Serious Violence Duty (the Duty) is a key part of the Government's programme of work to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence: taking a multi-agency approach to understand the causes and consequences of serious violence, focusing on prevention and early intervention, and informed by evidence.
- 1.2 The Duty requires the specified authorities in Norfolk to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence.
- 1.3 The specific objective of the Targeted Youth Support Service Summer Programme is to ensure that young people living in Norfolk who have been identified as at risk of exploitation or serious youth violence as well as children and young people who have been identified through a contextual safeguarding approach by community based preventive youth work, have access to a range of positive activities during the academic holidays which aim to influence a reduction in risk factors and promote a range of protective factors.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Serious violence has a devastating impact on lives of victims and families and instils fear within communities and is extremely costly to society.
- 2.2 Interpersonal violence can be viewed as the outcome of interaction among many factors at four levels – the individual, their relationships, their community and wider society.
- 2.3 The public health approach to serious violence means thinking about violence, not only as a problem for the police, but as a preventable consequence of a complex

range of factors which influence the likelihood of being affected by violence. It recognises that to effectively tackle violence an approach is needed which does not just focus on those who are already affected by violence but also by addressing the underlying risk factors.

- 2.4 The public health approach involves interventions in three overarching categories, which focus on prevention for different population groups depending on the risk level:
- Primary prevention – aims to stop risk factors from emerging or promotes protective factors
 - Secondary prevention – aims to address risk factors and stop issues from escalating
 - Tertiary prevention – aims to manage an ongoing problem and reduce harm
- 2.5 There is growing body of research exploring why some people or groups are at higher risk of violence while some are protected from it. Although risk and protective factors are not predictive of future behaviour, research has found that reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors has been found to be effective in preventing violence.
- 2.6 The Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) works within Children’s Services and is available to young people who have been identified as at risk of exploitation or serious youth violence as well as children and young people who have been identified through a contextual safeguarding approach by community based preventive youth work.
- 2.7 The team do this through 1:1 case work, contextual safeguarding within communities through a detached youth work offer as well as supporting young people who are reported as missing, through the return home missing practitioner team.
- 2.8 Whilst the approach to using risk and protective factors in predicting outcomes is still developing, they can be utilised to support strategic decision making, planning and allocation of interventions and resources. Considering protective factors, alongside the risks is important in developing approaches which are strength and asset-based. The Youth Endowment Fund endorses approaches that aim to change outcomes (or risk and protective factors) for young people that are related to violent and criminal behaviour later.
- 2.9 Recent research conducted by Barnardo’s revealed that a record number of young people could be more vulnerable to exploitation over the summer of 2023 as the cost-of-living crisis leaves families unable to afford activities over the school holidays (Barnardo’s 2023).

2.10 The TYSS Summer Activity Programme aims to fill this gap for the young people that TYSS support as a service, as well as young people already engaged within the Youth Justice Service and open to social care be that through social work intervention or family support. The individual components of the summer programme promote a range of positive activities which aim to influence a reduction in risk factors and promote a range of protective factors across the four levels: the individual, their relationships, their community and wider society.

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 The benefits of this programme of activities are:

- Providing a range of positive activities which aim to influence a reduction in risk factors and promote a range of protective factors for serious violence across four levels: the individual, their relationships, their community and wider society.
- The programme benefits young people living in Norfolk who have been identified as at risk of exploitation or serious youth violence, as well as children and young people who have been identified through a contextual safeguarding approach by community based preventive youth work.
- All activities offered within the TYSS summer programme take place within Norfolk and are aimed at giving young people a sense of belonging for the county where they live. This supports the citizenship and creates opportunities to explore what it means to be an active citizen in the immediate and wider community.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 Do nothing: Without this funding, the Targeted Youth Support Service would not be able to deliver the range of summer programme activities. This will prevent young people from being able to access positive activities which aim to influence a reduction in risk factors and promote a range of protective factors for serious violence.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 This programme will directly benefit the following aspects of the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan, which came into action at the end of March 2022:

- Pillar 4:
 - Work in partnership to safeguard vulnerable adults and children
 - Strengthen early intervention and preventative approaches to crime in the county and reduce first time entrants into criminal justice
- Pillar 6:
 - Working with partners and communities to prevent crime and harm
 - Promote crime prevention initiatives

5.2 Furthermore, the programme directly contributes to the following long-term outcome from the Safer Norfolk Plan:

Reducing the threat of criminal exploitation:

- People most at risk of criminal exploitation in Norfolk are identified and supported as early as possible
- Victims of exploitation are made to feel safe
- People are prevented from being drawn into Criminal exploitation and terrorism
- Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Serious Violence
- Reduce overall victimisation, risk, harm, perpetration and re-offending for: rape and sexual offences, domestic abuse and serious violence

5.3 This programme contributes to the achievement of the Government's Serious Violence Duty. The Serious Violence Duty encourages a Public Health approach, identifying and responds to risk and protective factors for Serious Violence.

5.4 Norfolk's Serious Violence Partnership Group has identified this option as an intervention to prevent and reduce serious violence.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 To deliver the Targeted Youth Support Service Summer Programme 2023, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk will grant fund Norfolk County Council £15,460.

6.2 The funding is awarded by the Home Office for local delivery of the Serious Violence Duty.

7. Other implications and risks:

7.1 In line with usual government grants, PCCs must ensure that organisations do not use the funding for any of the following activities:

- religious activities outside of projects benefiting the wider community and not containing religious content;
- political or lobbying activities;
- loan repayments; or
- activities that make profit for private gain

7.2 All organisations awarded funding will need to comply with the OPCCN Governance 'Check List' that will be provided with offers of Grants if this has not been completed in advance.

7.3 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, Norfolk County Council is required to notify the OPCCN as per the conditions of the award.

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

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

No

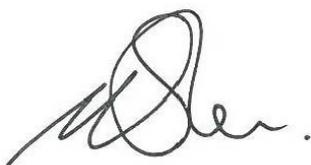
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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: 12/10/2023

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: 12/10/2023

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