



**Reply to:** Leah Smith  
**Telephone:** 01953 423506  
**Date:** 7 November 2023

Dear Member of public,

## **RE: Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/227**

I am writing in connection with your email dated 25 October 2023, in which you requested the following information:

**What is the Police and Crime Commissioner currently doing to combat knife crime? Please supply details of current initiatives.**

**What has been spent (£) on these initiatives? Please supply figures for the past five years (calendar or financial) -- from 2018 to the present.**

**If possible, please supply this information in spreadsheet format (excel).**

I am unable to provide the response in excel, however please find the response below:

Knife crime is integrated in a whole raft of work that is carried out by commissioned services and partnerships across the board. Projects, for example, could include county lines and although the project might be prevention and early intervention where there is exploitation of young people, it would incorporate the element of knife crime. Knife crime projects are incorporated within a wider framework such as work carried out under projects funded by the Early Intervention Youth Fund. For more information on these projects and the related funding I would draw attention to the following Decision Notices:

[2019-11 - St Giles Trust - Project SOS+](#)  
[2019-17 - Family Practitioner](#)  
[2019-60 - Child Exploitation - Momentum](#)  
[2019-61 - Detached Youth Work Project](#)  
[2020-07 - Positive Futures Programme](#)  
[2022-04 - St Giles Trust - Project SOS+](#)

Additionally, for any victims of crime, and this would include knife crime, then victims would be supported by the Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care Service - free of charge. This service has been in place since April 2020.

The SPACE fund, whilst not directly targeting knife crime, it is about providing positive activities for young people. We provided £50,000 to a £175,000 fund. The projects will be funded by the Norfolk Community Foundation and are not decided yet. Information on the award will be published on the Norfolk Community Foundation's website.

The Targeted Youth Support Service Summer Programme 2023 was funded through Serious Violence Duty funding for an amount of £15,460. Although this wasn't specifically knife crime focused, as with the other programmes outlined above this is integrated into the overall concept which provides summer programme activities to children and young people living in Norfolk who are at risk of exploitation and / or serious youth violence and children and young people who have been identified through a contextual safeguarding approach by community based preventive youth work.

There will be additional programmes of work funded through the serious violence duty which will address knife crime within the system approach to preventing and reducing serious violence - the planning of these is still in progress.

Yours sincerely

L. Smith

Leah Smith

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