

## **Subject: Targeted Youth Outreach Project – Serious Violence Duty – Grant Variation**

**Originator: Serious Violence Programme Lead**

**Decision no. 02/2025**

**Reason for submission: For Decision**

**Submitted to: PCC**

### **Summary:**

1. The Serious Violence Duty commenced in January 2023. The Duty places a legal duty on a number of organisations to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence.
2. The Home Office have allocated funding to meet costs arising from the Duty. The funding is allocated to local policing bodies who can subsequently allocate funding to duty-holders. Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner is the grant holder of Home Office funding to deliver a local response to the Serious Violence Duty.
3. As part of Norfolk's response, the Serious Violence Duty responsible authorities previously allocated Serious Violence Duty Funding to fund Norfolk County Council's Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) to deliver a Targeted Youth Outreach Project (decision notice 43 relates – 2023/24).
4. This paper seeks approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to grant additional funding to the Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) in order to deliver Street First Aid sessions in the locations in which they are currently operating to the children and young people they are supporting. This funding has been approved by Norfolk's Serious Violence Duty Partnership.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the grant variation as described in this paper.

**Outcome/approval by:** PCC

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature:**

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**Date:** 27/12/2024

## 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 Norfolk County Council's Targeted Youth Support Service were grant funded Serious Violence Duty funding to deliver Targeted Youth Outreach Projects (decision notice 43 relates – 20203/24).
- 1.3 The Targeted Youth Support Service have identified a need to deliver Street First Aid sessions in the locations they are currently operating through their Targeted Youth Outreach Projects to the children and young people they are supporting. These sessions will contribute to achieving their overall objectives in these areas.
- 1.4 The street first aid sessions will form part of the TYSS team's delivery supporting young people to take ownership of situations, so they feel more confident to take care of themselves and their peers, better understand the impact and risk of weapon carrying and make more informed choices about their safety in the community.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 The Serious Violence Duty was introduced to facilitate the partnership response to preventing and reducing serious violence.
- 2.2 The Serious Violence Duty requires organisations to develop an evidence base (strategic needs assessment) and create and implement a strategy containing bespoke solutions as to how the local partnership will work together to prevent and reduce serious violence.
- 2.3 The Home Office have allocated funding to meet costs arising from the Duty. The funding is allocated to local policing bodies who can subsequently allocate funding to duty-holders. This includes funding allocated to evidence informed interventions which are aligned to the response strategy.
- 2.4 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.

2.5 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

2.6 Our Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment identified the following:

- Although the number of young people directly affected by serious youth violence is relatively small, every case has far-reaching implications for the young person, family, friends, peers and communities.
- National trends indicate that younger people are more likely to be affected by serious violence than older people.
- Serious violence affecting young people is complex and can be driven by a range of factors.
- From a public health perspective addressing the factors which increase the risk of children and young people being affected by violence is key to future serious violence prevention and harm reduction.
- Serious violence is centred around certain areas in Norfolk and when looking at different crimes, locations within the same areas occur repeatedly, suggesting these are key areas for the local response to serious violence to focus upon.
- The areas identified as being particularly affected by serious violence also have a greater prevalence of serious violence risk factors compared to other areas of Norfolk.

2.7 The Serious Violence Duty Strategy has identified a priority focus on the safety of young people, reducing risk factors and promoting protective factors, for all forms of serious violence and a focus on places and spaces where the most serious violence occurs, tailoring preventative action to each area based on contextual factors and the local violence profile.

2.8 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.

2.9 The Targeted Youth Support Service has previously been allocated funding through the Serious Violence Duty and Safer Streets Fund (decision notice 47 – 2023/24) to deliver neighbourhood specific Targeted Youth Outreach Projects delivered by youth support outreach workers in targeted areas to provide preventative informal education interventions that seek to address anti-social behaviour, serious violence and violence against women and girls, increasing feelings of safety and belonging for young people within their communities and relationships. The projects include school-based intervention work, alongside street-based detached youth work in the community. The additional funding for street first aid sessions will provide additional capability within their projects.

### **3. Areas for consideration:**

- 3.1 The benefits of this project align with the evidence base developed through the Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment and the priorities of Norfolk's Serious Violence Duty Strategy.
- 3.2 Rigorous analysis has been undertaken to inform the evidence base for Norfolk's Serious Violence Duty Strategy including quantitative partnership data analysis and qualitative engagement activity with stakeholders including statutory, non-statutory, voluntary and community sector and communities, including young people.
- 3.3 The approaches adopted through the Targeted Youth Outreach Project reflect the evidence base of what works in preventing serious youth violence.
- 3.4 The outcomes of the project will be monitored and reviewed.

### **4. Other options considered:**

- 4.1 Do nothing: Without the additional funding provided through the Serious Violence Duty, the Targeted Youth Outreach Projects could not deliver street first aid sessions.

### **5. Strategic aims/objective supported:**

- 5.1 The project will directly benefit the following aspects of the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan, which came into action at the end of March 2022:
  - a. Pillar 3: Tackling Crime
    - i. Promote a co-ordinated county wide response to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) to tackle high harm behaviours/criminality with a focus on domestic abuse, rape and serious sexual offences.
  - b. Pillar 4: Prevent Offending

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

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

- a. People feel safe from crime and anti-social behaviour in Norfolk.
- b. Reduce overall levels of anti-social behaviour.
- c. Reduce overall neighbourhood crimes levels.
- d. Reducing the threat of criminal exploitation
- e. Reduce overall victimisation, risk, harm, perpetration, and reoffending for:
  - i. Rape and sexual offences
  - ii. Domestic abuse
  - iii. Serious violence

5.3 This intervention contributes to a range of national strategies, including:

- a. Serious Violence Strategy
- b. Beating Crime Plan
- c. Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan
- d. Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

## **6. Financial and other resource implications:**

6.1 To deliver the street first aid sessions, the OPCCN will grant fund Norfolk County Council's Targeted Youth Support Service £3,290.00 from the Home Office funding allocated to Norfolk through the Serious Violence Duty.

## **7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:**

### **Carbon Emissions**

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO <sub>2</sub>	Saving in tCO <sub>2</sub>
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

## Environmental Implications

7.2 No material implications

## 8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 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

8.2 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, Norfolk County Council's Targeted Youth Support Service is required to notify the OPCCN as per the conditions of the award.

<b>Originator checklist (must be completed)</b>	<b>Please state 'yes' or 'no'</b>
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>
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	<b>No</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>

**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: 19/12/2024**

**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: 19/12/2024**

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