

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Vicky Day	DECISION NO. 2019/17
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REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Family Practitioner – Early Intervention Youth Fund

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. 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 provide whole family support to those young people and their families who are at risk of, or affected by child criminal exploitation (CCE).

Family support is an identified gap in the current CCE delivery model in Norfolk.

Family practitioners with specialist skills and knowledge in relation to CCE will be recruited and will co-locate in the newly formed MACE team.

The inclusion of whole family practice in Norfolk's response to CCE, seeks to achieve a reduction in the number of young people whose needs require statutory intervention and improved outcomes for young people and their families who have been exploited.

Family practitioners located in the MACE team will retain strong links with locality early help teams and will be well positioned to provide case consultation and practice development opportunities that strengthen prevention work within children's services and the wider partnership.

The MACE team has existing infrastructure to support line management of family practitioners. The team will run as an initial 1 year pilot and undertake evaluation.

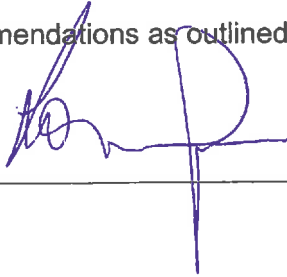
The Norfolk Youth Offending Team (NYOT) will operate the family practitioner scheme.

RECOMMENDATION: Fund a one year pilot to test delivering a whole family support approach to those young people and their families who are at risk of, or affected by child criminal exploitation (CCE).

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

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature



Date

19/03/19

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 The key objectives for the Early Intervention Youth Fund (which provides the funding for the Family Practitioners) 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 Family Practitioner pilot will contribute to these objectives by delivering a whole family support approach to those young people and their families who are at risk of, or affected by child criminal exploitation (CCE).

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 an intervention to offer a whole family support approach to those young people and their families who are at risk of, or affected by child criminal exploitation, including county lines and child sexual exploitation.
- 2.3 Family practitioners with specialist skills and knowledge in relation to CCE will be recruited and will co-locate in the newly formed MACE team.

The inclusion of whole family practice in Norfolk's response to CCE, seeks to achieve a reduction in the number of young people whose needs require statutory intervention and improved outcomes for young people and their families who have been exploited.

Family practitioners located in the MACE team will retain strong links with locality early help teams and will be well positioned to provide case consultation and practice development opportunities that strengthen prevention work within children's services and the wider partnership.

- 2.3 To achieve this, the Norfolk Youth Offending Team (NYOT) will operate the family practitioner scheme. NYOT is a multi-agency partnership team whose aim is to prevent children and young people from offending and to help them restore the damage caused to their victims. They aspire to make Norfolk an even safer place to live and help young people achieve their full potential in life.

The NYOT supervises and supports young people aged 10 to 17 years who have committed offences and have received a Youth Caution, Youth Conditional Caution or an order from the Court.

The NYOT also offers prevention work with young people aged 8 to 16 years who have not yet offended, but who are at risk of offending or becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

2.4 The desired outcomes are:

- A reduction in the number of young people whose needs require statutory intervention
- Improved outcomes for young people and their families who have been exploited
- Effective engagement of families in the community to ensure they feel supported in keeping their children safe by maintaining strong relationships
- Families and individuals feel empowered to understand their rights responsibilities and opportunities
- The delivery of successful and appropriate interventions as identified by families and partner agencies

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

3.1 As the operator, NYOT is required to:

- Ensure the family practitioner service offers a whole family support approach to those young people and their families who are at risk of, or affected by child criminal exploitation, including county lines and child sexual exploitation.
- Recruit 2 FTE family practitioners to allow for flexibility and the ability to react to the needs and demands of service users and the demographic spread of the service.
- Begin delivery of family practitioner support before or by 1st March 2019.
- Provide support until 31st March 2020.
- Clearly and regularly communicate referral pathways and protocols to partner agencies.
- Collate and report of the following data...
 - Referrals in by source/location
 - Number of assessment
 - Level of engagement/type of support for families/siblings
 - Referrals out

- Engagement with support/interventions
- Quarterly grant monitoring reports to the OPCCN

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 Family Practitioners 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, not including the initial research and set up costs, is £68,000. 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	22,000	46,000

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

4-3-19

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~~

~~e) 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:

4/3/19

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