



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

**ORIGINATOR:** Director of Policy and  
Commissioning

**DECISION NO.** 2019/ 60

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION:** For decision

**SUBMITTED TO:** Police and Crime Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Child Exploitation – Third Sector Development 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 is to support the development of the voluntary and community sector to increase skills and capacity amongst existing providers to work with those young people vulnerable to county lines exploitation.

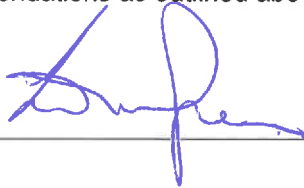
This support will be provided by Momentum, which is a part of Voluntary Norfolk, and already works with voluntary and community sector organisations supporting children and young people across the county.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Fund Momentum for a period of one-year to engage with and provide training and support to voluntary and community sector organisations working with children at risk of criminal exploitation.

**OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:** PCC/~~CHIEF EXECUTIVE~~/~~CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER~~  
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The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

**Signature**

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**Date** 19 March 2019

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

- 1.1 The key objectives for the Early Intervention Youth Fund (which provides the funding for third sector development) 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 Momentum will contribute to achieving these objectives by providing support to voluntary and community sector organisations supporting children and young people across the county.

### **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 third sector development workstream.
- 2.3 This main activities of this workstream are:
  - to visit VCSE youth groups and organisations working across the county to assess their awareness of child criminal exploitation and provide training and information as required.
  - to map services provided by both the VCSE sector and statutory sector that have a preventative role and those that have a support role for those that may be exploited.
  - to publicise and raise awareness of referral processes for professionals and parents.
  - to link with those VCSE organisations that may work with adults who are vulnerable to exploitation to ensure that awareness is raised and referral pathways are clear.
  - to provide training to the VCSE sector on CCE – linking with existing training and service providers, such as the NSCB, the Magdalene Project, Barnardo's and the Matthew Project.
  - to identify skills, knowledge and experience outside of the county that can be utilised to support the development of our workforces.
  - to act as a CCE "champion" across the county – providing information and access to resources using social media, E-news, etc.
  - to look at the capacity of the VCSE sector to deliver support to those at risk of CCE and to identify where this fits with Early Help and the Youth Offending Team
  - to gain an understanding of the network of support and services available to those who may be at risk of CCE and to "test out" the responsiveness of the range of services through liaison with the

Youth Advisory boards and other groups that work directly with young people.

- to work with the VCSE sector to explore how parents can be engaged with so that they can identify their concerns and needs.
- to provide challenge when services are not working in partnership with other services and as a result the young person or parent does not get the best support they could.
- delivery of detached youth work training to voluntary and community sector organisations – through Level 3 Youth Work qualification.

2.4 The desired outcomes are:

- Increased understanding and knowledge of CCE within the VCSE sector.
- Increased capacity within the VCSE sector to support the work on child criminal exploitation.
- Improved joint working between services and better alignment of services.
- Improved referral pathways between services.
- Improved communication between services including VCSE and statutory services.
- Young people who are at risk of CCE are provided with tools and knowledge to help them understand the risks they face and to keep themselves safe and are provided alternative positive support and activities.
- Parents have an awareness of the risks of CCE and know what to do if they are concerned.
- Increased number of local youth workers with Level 3 Youth Work Qualifications.

### **3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

3.1 As the operator, Momentum - Voluntary Norfolk, is required to:

- Deliver the workstream is for a minimum period of twelve months, up until 31 March 2020.
- Deliver the activities set out in 2.3 above.

### **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 this funding 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 the activity is £39,000. 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	23,100	15,750

## 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?	<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>
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	<b>Yes</b>

**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 March 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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