



COMMISSIONER CAROLINE HENRY

9th April 2024

FOI ref: N000332

Name: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Violence Reduction Partnership

Thank you for your request for information, received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire (OPCC) on 28th March 2024, regarding the Violence Reduction Partnership.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Your request was as follows:

1. Please confirm if the VRU has a detailed Theory of Change or Logic Model which underpins the Violence Reduction Programme. If yes, please provide:
 - a. A copy of the Theory of Change and/or Detailed Logic Model or a link to where the Theory of Change is published.
 - b. The date the Theory of Change was formally adopted by the VRU to underpin its Violence Reduction Programme.
 - c. A summary of how the Theory of Change and Logic Model was developed.
2. When commissioning services for delivery to the VRU programme, please confirm whether the VRU routinely requests details of the Theory of Change/Logic Models from proposed commissioned providers. If yes, please provide copies of the Theory of Change documents/evidence provided by the last three service providers commissioned by the VRU.

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3. Please confirm how often the VRU's Theory of Change has been formally evaluated by the VRU since 2018. Please confirm the dates of any evaluation(s) and a copy of (or link to) any evaluation reports or supporting documents.
4. Please confirm the level of funding received from the Home Office to support VRU activity since 2018.
5. Please confirm the number of commissioned services procured by the VRU each year since 2018.
6. For each year since 2018, please confirm how many of these individual commissioned services have been evaluated by the VRU or independently, over and above any overarching evaluation of VRU performance itself.

RESPONSE

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; this includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings.

The Act does not require us to answer questions or provide access to opinions or comments unless they are held in a recorded form. There is no requirement to create new information to satisfy a request.

Please find answers to the requested questions below:

- 1. Please confirm if the VRU has a detailed Theory of Change or Logic Model which underpins the Violence Reduction Programme. If yes, please provide:**

- a. A copy of the Theory of Change and/or Detailed Logic Model or a link to where the Theory of Change is published.**

A copy of the Theory of Change has been provided alongside this response.

- b. The date the Theory of Change was formally adopted by the VRU to underpin its Violence Reduction Programme.**

The initial iteration of Theory of Change was adopted in November 2020, it was subsequently revised and updated in 2021, 2022 and 2023, latterly as part of the refresh of our three-year Response Strategy 2022-2025.

c. A summary of how the Theory of Change and Logic Model was developed.

The VRP team, led by the Consultant in Public Health, developed the initial theory of change in 2020, specific strands of the Theory of Change were then consulted on with the relevant thematic multi-agency steering group and the wider Stakeholder Reference Group. The Theory of Change was then taken to a workshop with the Strategic Violence Reduction Board to amend, add to and agree. Subsequent iterations have followed a broadly similar process.

Ipsos, commissioned by the Home Office as part of the national VRU evaluation have also supported development as part of their national evaluation commissioned by the Home Office.

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Grant applications request a Theory of Change in a narrative form as a standard part of the application form. The Programme Team then hold a workshop with the provider to develop their Theory of Change further, including refining outcomes and supporting data collection techniques.

The last three service providers who have recently been commissioned to provide Detached Youth Work are currently working with the team to develop a Theory of Change.

3. Please confirm how often the VRU's Theory of Change has been formally evaluated by the VRU since 2018. Please confirm the dates of any evaluation(s) and a copy of (or link to) any evaluation reports or supporting documents.

Ipsos are commissioned by the Home Office to undertake a national evaluation of VRUs on an annual basis, part of this evaluation includes reviewing Theories of Change, relating to respective VRUs, to assess implementation.

An evaluation by Ipsos for 2023/24 has taken place, however a report is still outstanding and there is no confirmed date of publication.

A summary of Nottinghamshire's progress from 2021 has been provided alongside this response for information.

4. Please confirm the level of funding received from the Home Office to support VRU activity since 2018.

The table below outlines all VRU core grant funding received since 2019, the year of inception of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire VRP.

Financial Year	VRU Home Office Core Funding allocation
2019/20	£880,000
2020/21	£880,000
2021/22	£880,000
2022/23	£1,414,226
2023/24	£1,058,313
2024/25	£1,047,170

5. Please confirm the number of commissioned services procured by the VRU each year since 2018.

There have been 32 commissioned services procured since 2019.

6. For each year since 2018, please confirm how many of these individual commissioned services have been evaluated by the VRU or independently, over and above any overarching evaluation of VRU performance itself.

Since 2019, 13 individual VRP commissioned services have been evaluated. Ipsos have also been commissioned to provide an annual overall evaluation of VRP activity, which includes intervention commissioning and delivery within scope.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to ask us to review our handling of your request. If this is the case, please contact us on telephone number 0115 8445998 or e-mail officepcc@notts.police.uk quoting the reference number.

If you remain dissatisfied after the outcome of the review, you have the right to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). We will provide further details of this right in a review outcome letter.

Yours sincerely

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