

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Home Office Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Funding 2020/21 – Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision form provides an update of spend against the VRU budget during Q4 of 2020/21 to ensure spend can be maximised to support the core purpose of the VRU in reducing serious violence. A request will be made to the Home Office in line with the Grant Agreement signed in June 2020.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

The VRU received £880,000 in 2020/21 to fund the coordination and leadership of countywide violence reduction activity, including the commissioning of interventions and the building of a local evidence base. Due to re-prioritisation and re-scoping, partly as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, the delivery plan has been reviewed to ensure the allocated funding is maximised to benefit the communities of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

All proposed activity is in line with the conditions of the original Grant Agreement, is also continues to meet need identified in the Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment and the priorities agreed with the Strategic Violence Reduction Board, including:

- Data, intelligence and evidence base
- Trauma informed approaches, personal resilience and contextual safeguarding
- Community capacity building and empowerment
- Mentoring, education, training and employment
- Enforcement, resettlement and rehabilitation

Changes proposed in this decision form will be signed off with the Home Office as part of a budget re-profile.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding Stream	Revenue
Home Office Funding 2020/21	£880,000
Carry forward 2019/20	£255,537
Total budget available	£1,135,537

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FORECAST SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2020/21

Please note changes made since the budget reprofile in October 2020 have been highlighted in bold for ease of identification.

No.	VRU Spend	Forecast Oct 2020 (£)	Re-forecast Mar 2021 (£)	Variation (£)	Notes
1	Commissioned Intervention - Custody Prevention Project	20989	20989	0	
2	Commissioned Intervention - Targeted Youth Outreach	102077	102077	0	
3	Commissioned Intervention - Prison Intervention	3780	11422	7642	Increased expenditure to enable delivery of distance learning, contract value is for £19064 for the year, however underspend is anticipated due to Covid-19 restrictions. Provider: Beyond Recovery
4	Commissioned Intervention - Redthread at QMC and King's Mill	30000	30000	0	
5	Commissioned Intervention - Trauma informed approach for CYP impacted by knife enabled DV	60000	52350	-7650	
6	Commissioned Intervention - Children's Society - One to one interventions	25000	25000	0	
7	Commissioned Intervention - NFCT / Helping Kids Achieve	5000	4890	-110	
8	Commissioned Intervention - Next GEN - BLM / Employment Workshops	3000	4360	1360	Spend increased to fund project during Q4
9	Commissioned intervention - Outreach Bus in Broxtowe and Aspley - Woven Churches	2000	2000	0	
10	Commissioned intervention - Choices and Consequences Exhibit - virtual delivery	6046	6046.1	0.1	
11	Commissioned intervention - Extending provision of Cadet Bases & Mini Police	10000	10000	0	
12	Commissioned intervention - Mentors in Violence Prevention	0	4000	4000	Continuation of project from 2019/20
13	Workforce development - Parenting Interventions	20000	0	-20000	No longer due to be commissioned following consultation with stakeholders
14	Workforce development - Emotion coaching	0	2400	2400	Provider: Educational Psychologists County County
15	Workforce development - Trauma informed e-learning	27000	0	-27000	Spend now allocated to 2021/22 budget due to delay in project development
16	Workforce development - Youth Work Programme - National Youth Agency	15000	16225	1225	
17	Data Sharing - Injury Surveillance Data Dashboard	5000	0	-5000	Development of the data dashboard will continue into 2021/22

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18	Contextual safeguarding pilot	5000	0	-5000	Spend now allocated to 2021/22 budget - unable to take place due to Covid restrictions
19	External research - Local Evaluation (mandatory product) and qualitative research	90000	72596	-17404	Spend reduced due to re-scoping and combining of two workstreams. Provider: Northampton University
20	External research - Identification of support for those with SEND	1500	1123	-377	
21	External research - DV Perpetrator Research (NTU)	5000	5000	0	
22	External research - Review of exclusions in YJ cohort:	1500	0	-1500	Spend reduced - combined with SEND research, line 20
23	External research - Engaging with girls and young women impacted by serious violence and exploitation	0	3248	3248	Providers: Newcastle University and Equation
24	Community Ambassadors - Management and remuneration	7830	7337.25	-492.75	
25	Incubation Hub - development for VCS sector	18499	2700	-15799	Spend now allocated to 2021/22 budget due to delay in project development. Additional £1000 spent in Q4 to deliver bid writing training
26	NCVS Community Assets Assessment	9989	9989	0	
27	Accommodation. IT and equipment	19670	19505.73	-164.27	
28	Staff	350436	348791.5	-1644.5	
29	Expenses	500	388.35	-111.65	
30	Conferences, training and events	6410	2781.26	-3628.74	Decreased due to Covid restrictions limiting conference and events spend
31	Communications and press services	11839	17000	5161	Increased to upscale online / social media presence
32	Marketing budget	14068	29303.4	15235.4	Increased to fund offline marketing of social media campaign by Powell and Barnes: Phase 1 cost: £8914, Phase 2 cost: £17145.5
33	Website development	2117	2824.49	707.49	Increased to fund accessibility audit of website
34	Focus Groups	750	200	-550	
35	VRU Small Grants Fund	154230	152335	-1895	Updated to reflect actual spend
36	DV Perpetrator Intervention Programme	100000	100000	0	Funding for 2021/22.
37	Unallocated funds	1307	68654.92		
	Total Spend (Revenue) (£)*	1135537	1135537	0	

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer


Date: 3rd March 2021

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Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	x
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DECISION:
Spend is authorised in line with detail outlined in this decision notice.

OFFICER APPROVAL
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:  Date: 15/3/21
Chief Executive

DECLARATION:
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:  Date: 16/3/21
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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