

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision



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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	25.05.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.052

TITLE:	Approval of VRU and CDP Spend on the Next Gen Programme and transfer of Crime Beat Award money
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision form seeks approval on the following:

1) Approval of VRU and CDP Spend on the Next Gen Programme

The VRU wish to spend £15,000 of our allocated budget from the Home Office and £10,000 of allocated PCC unallocated funds to the Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) on continued provision for the Next Gen Programme which is an intervention delivered by the Children's Society (CS) in the City and County. In 2020/21 the VRU contributed £25,000 to this intervention, as the CS are a unique provider and the intervention is a continuation, this will require approval of a Single Tender Award.

Please note, an informal agreement has been reached with the Head of Early Help Services on behalf of the CDP for the allocation of the £10,000 on the premise of the intervention taking direct referrals from the City Youth Justice Service (YJS). A similar referral pathway is being established with County YJS.

The intervention will deliver intensive case work with 20 young people aged between 11 and 18 years who are most at risk in the City and County and, who have or are currently experiencing, a range of challenges such as being distant from education, child criminal exploitation, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation.

The provider will support the children and young people in a number of ways including:

- Holistic support, depending on the needs of the young person
- Advocating them as they navigate support and contact from a number of agencies
- Supporting them to attend appointments and providing emotional support in court
- Working with the extended family
- Life skills and self-care

Expected outcomes:

- Better outcomes for young people facing poverty and disadvantage
- Reduced risks including Missing, Child Sexual & Child Criminal Exploitation
- Improved transitions to adult services

As well as holding a caseload the Children's Society will continue to work collaboratively with partners across the VRU partnership to identify and act upon system change opportunities in relation to youth justice, school exclusion and family support. This will include:

- Developing a place-based Systems Change model
- Shared language and narrative for systems change locally
- Understanding what enables or hinders systems change locally
- Supporting members to be systems stewards in their own parts of the system

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The CS will be a key part of the education work stream which the VRU are developing with education providers in the City and County. The work stream will seek to identify education specific system change opportunities which will enable early identification of young people at risk of being impacted by serious violence, either as a victim or perpetrator.

2) Approval of transfer of Crime Beat Award money

This proposal seeks approval of the transfer of £1000 of award money to Powell and Barnes Media (PBM) for the purpose of purchasing filming equipment and software for use by students on placement.

The VRU, Powell and Barnes Media (PBM) and the young participants were awarded the National Crime Beat Award in March 2021 by the Youth Crime Prevention Charity of the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales for the development and delivery of the #stopviolence social media campaign.

The campaign aimed to tackle themes related to serious violence, including county lines, sexual exploitation and knife carrying.

The prize money of £1000 was awarded on the understanding that the VRU and PBM would collaborate with the young participants to determine how the funds could be spent to best support them and their peers.

Following consultation the young people were keen to continue their involvement in subsequent phases of the campaign and felt that having filming equipment and software available for their use would enable them to build their skills in production. PBM have since set up a number of student placements which will be facilitated on a rolling basis and all students will have access to the equipment purchased with the funding.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

- 1) Please find attached the draft contract specification for the Children's Society Next Gen Programme, for further information on the intervention.



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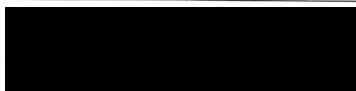
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1) Next Gen Programme

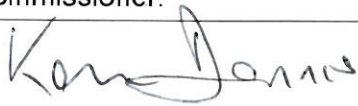
The £15000 of VRU funding has been provisionally allocated from the £66,243 2020/21 underspend
The £10000 of CDP funding has been provisionally allocated from the £10,000 2021/22 CDP budget.


Please reference NoD ref no. 2021.019 which was approved on 18th March 2021 which approved dissemination of £160,000 of CDP funding during 2020/21. The £10,000 which was originally allocated to the Exploitation and Violence Reduction Hub will now be allocated to Next Gen Programme. This is a joint decision between the VRU Director and the Head of Early Help Services on behalf of the CDP.

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Signature: Chief Finance Officer	
Date:	25 th May 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
This notice of decision requests approval of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of £15000 of VRU and £10000 of CDP Spend on the Next Gen Programme, as detailed in the above section. • Approval of the transfer of £1000 to Powell and Barnes Media, as detailed above. 				

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: Chief Executive	
Date:	25/5/21

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: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	27.5.21

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