

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	17/01/2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.007

TITLE:	Serious Violence Youth Interventions Home Office Funding – Divert Plus Programme – Additional Procurement Decisions
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Home Office has awarded the Police and Crime Commissioner £442,550 as a result of a successful bid to the Serious Violence Youth Interventions – Teachable Moments Fund. The funding awarded is for what has been called locally the Divert Plus Programme. This funding and the associated activity must be spent and delivered by the end of March 2022 – for further detail in relation to this please see Decision Notice 2021.121.

The Commissioner is now asked to approve further spending of the grant funding as follows:

- Up to £26,794 to Base 51 for Level 2 and 3 Youth Worker qualifications
- Up to £19,000 to The Children's Society for provision of sessional youth work on the County area
- Up to £12,460 to Touch Design for specialist comms and marketing support

This is revenue spend and is within the Home Office funding for Divert Plus.

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

This Grant has been made available from the Home Office to enable the PCC to deliver the Divert Plus Programme. The aim of this programme is to divert young people away from the criminal justice system at a turning point before court action is taken, ensuring that support workers can drive a positive improvement in key emotional, physical, and vulnerable behaviours amongst beneficiaries by intervening at 'teachable moments'. Decision Record 2021.121 detailed the initial procurement decisions and outlined a proportion of money to be retained by the OPCC. This decision record seeks approval for further procurement decisions related to this retained funding as follows:

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- A contract of up to £26,794 with Base 51 for the provision of training for Level 2 and Level 3 Youth Worker qualifications. This would be undertaken via a single tender award. The works need to start in January to enable individuals to get trained ASAP – it is using Home Office funding which needs to be spent before March 2022, therefore there is no time to undertake a detailed procurement process. Base 51 have provided a quote and are able to undertake the work quickly. Legal advice has been sought.
- A contract of up to £19,000 with The Children's Society for the provision of sessional youth work in the County as part of the Divert Plus programme from January 2022 to March 2022. This would be undertaken via a single tender award. The works need to be delivered and spent by the end of March 2022 as it is short term Home Office funding that stipulates it must be spent and delivered by the end of March 2022, therefore there is very little time to go out for quotes. As the Children's society already have a presence in the county delivering work with young people this seems a sensible short-term arrangement. Legal advice has been sought.
- A contract of up to £12,460 (exc VAT) with Touch Design for the provision of leaflets to be designed for both parents and young people about the Divert Plus programme. The contract will also include provision for two short videos that will be included in the cells for young people including what happens at the police station, being released under investigation and what happens when you go to court. To maintain value for money the leaflets will be provided as a design only for printing of quantities by the VRU as required. The video animations will be supplied on mp4s to be streamed via technology in the custody suite. These animations can also be used by schools officers, youth justice etc to complement existing diversionary tools. This contract would be undertaken as a single tender award. The products need to be ready for the full implementation of Divert Plus and using Home Office funding with a finite window until March 2022. In addition, animation is a specialism and economies of scale have been achieved in using the same supplier for both animation and leaflets. Legal advice has been sought.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is revenue spend and is funded by the Home Office grant to the OPCC for Divert Plus.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer





Date:

18/01/2022

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
<p>The Commissioner is asked to approve further spending of the Home Office Divert Plus funds as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £26,794 to Base 51 for Level 2 and 3 Youth Worker qualifications • Up to £19,000 to The Children's Society for provision of sessional youth work on the County area • Up to £12,460 to Touch Design for specialist comms and marketing support <p>This is revenue spend and is funded by the Home Office grant to the OPCC for Divert Plus.</p>				

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:	19/01/2022

DECLARATION:	
<p>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:</p> <p>The above request has my approval</p>	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	26/01/2022

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