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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision		
DATE RECEIVED:*	16.08.2023		
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.081		

TITLE:	Nottinghamshire Police Outreach (Revised)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Decision record 2023.043 from April 2023 has been revised due to delays in implementation.

The Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) seek approval of spend to contribute to the Nottinghamshire Police Outreach programme. This funding will facilitate a pilot of two 12 week holistic and diversionary programmes in identified hotspot areas and will be complementary to other VRP provision, including the detached youth work model operating in the City boundary and conurbation.

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

Nottinghamshire Police Youth Outreach function approached the VRP with a business case for a proof of concept to augment the current outreach programme led by the Communities in Policing Department.

The Youth Outreach team provides support to young people between the ages of 8 – 16 years who are either vulnerable, socially excluded or at risk/involved in crime.

We provide 1:1 tailored support or group work to meet the needs of the young person/s, deter them from crime, encourage them to make positive choices and decisions, raise aspirations, provide them with diversion, activities, positive role models etc.

Since the Coronavirus pandemic in early 2020 the need for detached, flexible and mobile youth work has become even more essential with more young people becoming even more isolated and socially excluded. There is a waiting list for Youth Outreach and in July 2022 a record 10 referrals were received with demand still growing.

The funding would specifically deliver two 12-week structured programmes to children and young people in the City and County. This would be mobile by design and serve different

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communities in identified areas of need. The programme will be aimed at young people who meet our existing criteria (vulnerable, socially excluded, involved/at risk of crime.) with 2 programmes during 23/24 and a maximum of 20 CYP per programme.

The programme will take a holistic and child-centred approach and provide new and unique opportunities that some young people may never experience due to disadvantages or barriers they may face. It will seek to provide young people a safe space to be themselves, experience new things and learn. This will be inclusive and provide targeted opportunities such as days out, intervention groups and work experiences for girls that are at high risk of CSE, missing from home and substance abuse etc.

The VRP have also introduced a Detached Youth Work model, with 3 core teams operating in identified hotspot areas of the City and conurbation and the structure programme would complement this as a preventative early intervention tool.

The budget will fund the required uplift in personnel to support the programme, associated programme costs and activities. This will include capacity for an outcomes focussed model including the use of police data reference a reduction in missing episodes, crime, repeat victimisation etc. In addition, the introduction of validated tools such as the Rosenberg self-esteem scale and more robust data collection that will enable evaluation of impact of the proof of concept.

The first intervention/programme will start in July 2023 and the second will be completed prior to 31st March 2024.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The breakdown of funding pro rata is as follows:

Activity	2023/24 (£)
Outreach worker (10 months)	31,012
Activities	4,800
Intervention programmes	4,250
Equipment	2,500
Total	42,562

The VRP core budget will be used to fund the outreach worker, activities and intervention programmes with costs of £40,062.

The equipment budget of £2,500 will be sourced from the OPCC ARIS fund.

Signature: Chief Finance Officer	REDACTED
Date:	17.08.23

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**									
DECISION:			•						
To approve the various spend in this notice of decision, as outlined 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: Deputy Monitoring Officer									
Date:	17.08.23								
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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	s my	approval							
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner									
Date: 22.08.23									

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