

Police and Crime Panel

4 February 2021

Commissioning Update



Report of the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

Purpose

1. To update Panel Members of key decisions and considerations at the Commissioning Boards held between 1st October 2020 and 31st January 2021.

Commissioning Board Decisions

2. At the Board meeting held on 13th October 2020, these were the key decisions and considerations:
 - The COVID Emergency Fund monies (£400,000) had a balance of £43,000 to be allocated at 30th September 2020.
 - The submission of tenders for the Regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) procurement exercise closes on 28th October 2020, with the conclusion of the exercise to be reported at a future meeting.
 - The PCVC Community Safety Fund 2020 application round closed on 12th October with the independent panel meeting to consider applications to the fund arranged for 27th November 2020.
 - An update on the OPCVC community safety activities was provided. The current phase of the process is the mapping of current provision and support, including the identification of overlaps and referral routes to and between the Vulnerable Intervention Pathways (VIP), Community Peer Mentors, Restorative Justice, Community Mediation and the OPCVC commissioned victim referral service.
 - The OPCVC is working in partnership with Durham County Council to support the development of the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) approach, linking that work into the wider community safety activities mentioned in the above bullet point.
3. At the Board meeting held on 13th January 2021, these were the key decisions and considerations:
 - The COVID Emergency Fund monies (£525,000) from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) have been fully allocated. An extra £125,000 of emergency funding was received from the MoJ in December 2020.
 - The Regional SARC procurement exercise concluded with no bids received. The procurement exercise will be repeated (tender will be live for three months) with

an expectation that the new service will commence in April 2022. A SARC Board, which is Durham Force area specific, comprising the OPCVC, Constabulary and NHS England has been established (from 25th January 2021). The aim is to ensure preparedness for the forthcoming ISO and CQC accreditation requirements, and to oversee implementation of the new contract when awarded.

- A decision was taken to contribute a single one-off payment of £22,000 towards the Rural Communities Speed Watch activities.
- The Board received an update about the recent Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence Executive Group (DASVEG) budget prioritisation exercise. The Board noted the need for a coordinated partner approach to investment in domestic abuse perpetrator programs.
- The Board noted a strategic conversation is needed with partners on key shared community safety priorities before further allocation of funds for 2021/22.
- The Board agreed a contribution of £3,050 to support this one-off contribution for provision of a male Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service.
- The Board agreed a contribution of £2,000 for the Sliding Doors Project, which is the National Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking initiative.

Recommendation

4. To consider the report and provide any comments and questions.

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Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

Finance

All funding decisions are reflected in the OPCVC 2020/21 budgets and the medium-term financial planning process.

Staffing

n/a

Equality and Diversity

n/a

Accommodation

n/a

Crime and Disorder

Many of the projects are aimed at reducing crime and disorder.

Children's Act 2004

n/a

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

Information about the PCVC's funding streams is set out in the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

Environment

n/a

Collaboration and Partnerships

n/a

Value for Money and Productivity

Value for Money is a key consideration in the allocation of all funding.

Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities

All funding is expected to have a positive impact on priorities.

Commissioning

As per the report.

Other risks

n/a

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