



Office of the  
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# Commissioning:

## Early intentions from April 2014.

September 2013

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Fund (CSF) provided by the Home Office in April was for the current year 2013-14 only, my decision on the allocation of these resources was to pass the fund to the partners who had received resources from the Home Office funding streams included within the CSF. From next year the fund will be included within the main Police Grant

It is unlikely that I will be able to undertake a similar exercise in identifying amounts linked to previous funding streams provided to partners in the past and to delegate commissioning or pass to partners in quite the same way<sup>1</sup>.

I am committed to working in partnership to delivery against the community outcomes within my plan. While funding is one aspect of that joint work in West Yorkshire, partners are always willing to come together to find ways delivery can continuously improve. Last year I undertook a number of listening to you events to gather concerns and priorities. During the year I have met with many partners to continue our work. **As we are now approaching six months into the current financial year and I am hearing feedback and comments from partners from all sectors that they wish to be kept informed of the processes I will adopt, my commissioning thinking and intentions for 2014-15**

In response to this I am now providing my early thoughts on my approach to funding delivery of my 'and crime' responsibilities to ensure communities in West Yorkshire are safer and feel safer.

This is the first stage of a process which will take a number of months to complete. It is an expression my early thinking and an opportunity for me and partners to continue our dialogue.

In recent months as well as the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 I have published a number of supporting documents that will assist me in delivery against the key outcomes contained within my plan (see Appendix A).

These include:

- My vision and strategy for 2013-18 to inform implementation of the Plan
- The 3i initiative (innovation, income and investment) to aid strategic planning, asset maximisation, income generation and promote innovation in delivery.
- Commissioning framework

The starting point in forming my early intentions was to stake stock of where grants were awarded. Later in the year I will be publishing my needs assessment and will be listening to communities and partners about their priorities for future planning and delivery.

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<sup>1</sup> The funding streams included were for the Drug Intervention Programme, Drug-testing grant, Youth Crime Prevention and Substance Misuse, West Yorkshire Positive Futures, Community Safety Fund for Community Safety Partnerships and the Safer Futures Communities fund.

Detailed below are expressions of my current thinking and intentions; publication does not, therefore, imply certainty that each of the areas and actions I outline, will necessarily progress to full granting or commissioning.

**Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)** are key to delivery at the local level, and they also have a role to play working across West Yorkshire.

**I intend to:**

- ask CSPs how they have used the CSF this year and how this has contributed to the outcomes in the Plan;
- invite CSPs to look back and think ahead by providing an evaluation of how they are currently using the CSF to deliver against the outcomes in the Police and Crime Plan and provide proposals on their future delivery to assist my decision making on future funding using this delegated approach. In doing so I encourage partners to consider how they engage with third sector delivery organisations in both current and future delivery.

**Drug Intervention Programme.** Last year the largest proportion of the PCC CSF was provided to this programme of work either directly to local areas or to the Force for drug testing. I am aware of the links to integrated offender management and delivery to achieve reduced reoffending, I am also aware from listening to partners that there is concern that the programme could improve by tackling problems associated with the prevalence of new drugs and of alcohol related crime and disorder.

**I intend to:**

- Commission a review of DIP from a criminal justice perspective and to provide me with an assessment of whether this is the best model to meet current need, and if not, how partners can deliver a service(s) that tackles substance misuse as it relates to reducing crime, disorder and re-offending.
- I will work with the Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Boards to identify how together we can best achieve shared outcomes.

**Youth Offending Teams (YOTs)** received the Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention fund to contribute to their work. All five YOTs are performing well when compared nationally and this is encouraging.

**I intend to:**

- Meet with the five YOT managers in West Yorkshire to review their current delivery and discuss future plans.

**West Yorkshire Positive Futures (WYPF)** provide a range of activities and diversionary initiatives for young people in Bradford, Calderdale, Keighley and Leeds. They have proved over the last year that they can work together and deliver against the Police and Crime Plan.

**I intend to:**

- Supporting the work of the four project I wish to explore with partners in Kirklees and Wakefield whether an extension of this initiative will assist in enhancing their approach to early intervention and prevention work with young people. If so I will invite proposals from WYPF projects, partners and organisations on how this can be achieved.

**Safer Future Communities** was a national initiative between CLiNKs and the Home Office to work with third sector organisations to prepare them for PCCs ahead of the election last year. Voluntary Action Leeds were commissioned to undertake the work in West Yorkshire. This year I provided funding for this to continue and there is a now an established PCC Third Sector Network through which we can all work together.

**I intend to:**

- Continue to provide a grant to support the PCC Third Sector Network to encourage greater participation of third sector organisations in the delivery against the community outcomes within the Police and Crime Plan.

**West Yorkshire Community Safety Partnerships Forum** will provide an opportunity for Chairs and Managers of the five CSPs to come together on a regular basis to discuss common concerns, share priorities and discuss future challenges and solutions. I am aware of the considerable amount of time and expertise which has been provided by CSPs since I became PCC. As mentioned earlier both responsible and cooperating partners are key to delivery of the community outcomes.

- **I intend to:**

In addition to the partnership working at district level I wish to invite the five CSPs to identify how through evaluation of what they currently do they can engage a mechanism where there are both benefits and a strength for working together across the force area and if so what resources will enable this.

Working together with partners and communities is a key strength of my role. When resources are scarce and reducing then this becomes even more beneficial for us all. In view of this,

**I intend to:**

- Continue to work in partnership particularly through the Partnership Executive Group. Identify together how we can fulfil our shared outcomes while at the same time encouraging further investment for, and, innovation in the way deliver.



