



OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST YORKSHIRE

Record of Decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner

Title/Subject: Winter Contingency fund and underspend from the Serious Violence Fund - Violence Reduction Unit 2020/21

Serial No: DP0212

Summary:

Following from the announcement on 11 December by the Home Office that £2.048m has been made available for VRUs to distribute to local charities and social enterprises, West Yorkshire VRU was awarded £198,760. A competitive funding round was set up and welcomed bids for a minimum of £30,000 which could cover the funding period of 5th November 2020 to 31st March 2021. A review of the submitted applications was completed by VRU and OPCC staff and the 6 projects highlighted below have been chosen to deliver their initiatives:

1. Emerge – a collaboration of 4 organisations to deliver youth programmes including 1:1 work, detached outreach, sports and mentoring
2. BARCA - Providing access for young people with access to tablets and Wi-Fi allow them to become more digitally inclusive. To access online young people's workshops, link with peers, and access learning
3. The Youth Association - Street Safe is a high-impact scheme delivered at street level in Bradford and Leeds, engaging young people vulnerable to involvement in crime and violence. This will provide extra staffing resources for those hard-to-reach young people.
4. Gipsil – to support increase in demand for outreach support, online groups and youth group provision
5. Safety in Music – to supply 2 more Safety in Music courses for vulnerable young people and young adults up to the age of 25 and includes the cost of equipment
6. JAMES - offer a varied 6-week motor vehicle programme to 2 cohorts. This will support disengaged young people, children from at-risk families' and immediate engagement to those young people

The latest budget profile has also identified underspend across a number of budget lines. We are proposing that this is used on a further 6 projects, highlighted further in this report, that meet the needs of the VRU outcomes:

1. Orange Box – to support the young people they are working with who are classified as vulnerable and have to remain in education. This is to support retaining a maths/English teacher who was covering for maternity leave for additional support in this area and a

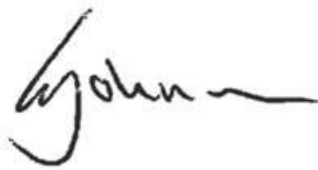

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2. CATCH – to support staffing capacity for this service as demand is greater than ever before. It will also support the expansion of PEP/CATCH Facilities – to double the capacity of vulnerable young people they can work with during school term time
3. Edshift – to support costs for a core provider of domestic and sexual violence prevention and early intervention programmes for children aged 7-16. Funds will also contribute to the development of intervention work with 13–16-year-olds
4. Impact North – to support the offer of therapeutic services to children, families, and professionals in West Yorkshire. The work focuses on preventing the intergenerational cycle of abuse and criminality, as well as helping both victims and perpetrators to make healthier, less destructive decisions in the future.
5. Community Cougars - to continue the Safeguarding Young Lives work, delivering to at-risk young people through evening community offer (at Keighley Civic Centre)
6. Tigers Trust – to support the project 'The Changing Room' which delivered interventions to young people (0-25) most at risk of violence (committing and receiving) in the District of Wakefield.

Requested Decision:

That the PCC approves funding of:

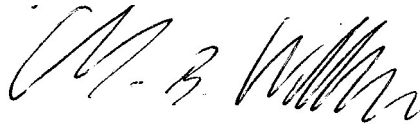
- a) **£198,760** from the Home Office Winter Contingency monies for the 6 projects outlined above – Emerge, BARCA, The Youth Association, Gipsil, Safety in Music and JAMES
- b) **£133,021** from the VRU underspend to 6 projects who submitted applications for the original Winter Contingency funding – Orange Box, CATCH, Edshift, Impact North, Community Cougars and Tigers Trust

Implications	Details / Comments	Officer Sign Off
Financial		 Treasurer
Legal		 Chief of Staff

Police and Crime Commissioner Decision:

Agreed

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. B. Williams', written over a horizontal line.

Title: Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire

Date: 02.03.21