

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Strategic Review of Youth Diversion Services in Nottinghamshire 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Nottinghamshire PCC would like to commission a suitably experienced research consultant to undertake a review of Youth Diversion Services provided across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to inform future PCC commissioning intentions. The PCC is keen to develop a local understanding of need and demand for both universal and targeted youth diversion services and consolidate the evidence base on what works in the provision of these services.

The research will comprise of a statistical analysis of available spend and outcome data, qualitative interviews / engagement with key service leads and practitioners and a rapid evidence assessment of what works in providing local targeted and universal youth diversionary services and a secondary data analysis to improve understanding of anticipated demand and unmet need.

The project will map OPCC investment in services related to youth diversion across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire over the period April 2016 to March 2019 – including details of outcomes delivered during the 3 year period and areas of unmet need – and provide an overview of the broader statutory offer of universal and targeted youth diversionary services across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, highlighting any notable areas of unmet need identified.

The research should aim to consolidate the evidence base on ‘what works’ in providing youth diversionary services in the local context and highlight any areas of good/best practice identified in the delivery and monitoring of youth diversionary outcomes.

Recommendations will be used to inform future OPCC commissioning arrangements for youth diversionary services from October 2019. The project should also seek to inform wider partnership discussion on the provision and configuration of local youth diversionary services.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

The review has been prompted by a wide range of factors that are likely to have impacted upon service demand and provision over recent years, which include: reductions in public spending on children’s services, particularly early and preventative interventions; rises in serious weapon-enabled violence involving young people alongside an emerging culture of knife possession among a minority of vulnerable individuals; improvements in partner agency recognition of vulnerability and unmet need, particularly in view of our growing understandings of child sexual exploitation, ‘county lines’ offending and gang coercion; a recognised lack of strategic governance, leadership and coordination at a local and national level, particularly in relation to local authority duties to ‘as far as reasonably practicable, secure sufficient activities for the improvement of the wellbeing of qualifying young persons in the area.

The review supports and compliments the statutory duties of the Police and Crime Commissioner to co-operate with statutory agencies in formulating and implementing strategies to prevent crime

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and disorder, achieve value for money in doing so and ensure the welfare of children is safeguarded and promoted. In reviewing the PCC's contribution to youth diversion in the context of other statutory provision available, the project will consider how outcomes in this area can be maximised for the benefit of all stakeholders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if it is capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

£9,972.50 Revenue budget – Community Safety Fund

Note that NTU will provide match funding of £2,880.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 16th July 2019

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information?**

Yes		No	✓
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If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**

DECISION:

The PCC is requested to confirm the following:

1. To approve the undertaking of a strategic review youth diversion services in Nottinghamshire to inform future OPCC commissioning arrangements for youth diversionary services from October 2019
2. To award a grant of £9,972.50 to Nottingham Trent University (Jason Pandya-Wood) to undertake the strategic review during the period May – July 2019. Note that NTU will provide match funding of £2,880. Proposal and project budget form attached.

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: 19th July 2019.

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 my approval.

Signature: 
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 25/7/19

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