

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	11/08/2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.075

TITLE:	VRU Funding for PhD Candidate
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
<p>The Violence Reduction Unit seek approval to utilise £33,973 (over a three year period) from the VRU budget to match fund a PhD candidate to undertake a multi-methods PhD research programme focussed on disproportionality and serious youth violence.</p>

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)
<p>The proposal was supported by members of the Strategic Violence Reduction Board in June 2022, pending formal approval by the PCC, CEO and CFO.</p> <p>The Violence Reduction Unit, facilitated by the OPCC, has an important system change role, and is committed to research and action to enable organisational and system-wide leadership to address the causes and differential impacts of serious violence across local communities.</p> <p>Building on nationally available research, including the 2017 Lammy Review, this multi-methods research PhD programme would be designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore how individual risk factors are experienced within a wider social context of disadvantage and structural racism, including an understanding of the ‘transmission’ of discrimination • Understand how the evidence on patterns of disproportionality and associated policy recommendations are being recognised and understood by senior leaders within organisations and system leaders, and the organisational approaches to gathering further information on the needs and preferences of the communities concerned. • Identify barriers in addressing disproportionality in the criminal justice system and apply learning from other disciplines on cultural and transformational change that could be applied to support progress in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire • Develop an understanding of the various forms of success in addressing disproportionality and how these are perceived, recognised, and measured within the

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criminal justice pathway and in the wider system, and cultivate a shared view on outcomes.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The total match funding provisionally allocated is £33,973, this will be match funded by Nottingham Trent University. The table below breaks down these costs over each of the three years of the research programme.

Year	Fees (£)	Half fees (£)	Stipend (£)	Half Stipend (£)	Sum (£)	50% Total (£)	Research costs (£)	Thesis fee	Total Costs (VRU)
Jan 23 - Dec 23	4596	2298	16062	8031	20658	10329	500		10829
Jan 24 - Dec 24	4697	2349	16415	8208	21112	10556	500		11056
Jan 25 - Dec 25	4800	2400	16777	8388	21577	10788	500	800	12088
Totals		7047		24627		31673			33973

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer

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Date:

12/08/2022

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

Yes

No

If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**

DECISION:

Approval of £33,973 to match fund a PhD candidate to undertake a multi-methods PhD research programme focussed on disproportionality and serious youth violence.

** See guidance on non-public information

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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

S. M. Goodell

Date:

12/08/2022

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
& Crime Commissioner**

Caroline Henry

Date:

15/08/2022