



Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	24.01.23
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.010

TITLE:	VRP Funding for Community Conversations
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Violence Reduction Partnership seek approval to utilise £4,500 during quarter 4 2022/23 for the facilitation and evaluation of community conversations for the Another Way project. These community conversations will be facilitated by the Difficult Conversations Group hosted by Nottingham Health and Education Support.

In addition, up to a total of £5,000 has been budgeted for third sector organisations as a contribution to room hire etc, staff/volunteer time/expenses and interpretation costs to recruit participants and host the conversations.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

The proposal was supported by members of the Another Way Steering Group, pending formal approval by the PCC, CEO and CFO.

The Violence Reduction Partnership, 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.

The Another Way Project is a violence reduction Focused Deterrence project funded by the Youth Endowment Fund. This is being developed and implemented by the NNVRU in collaboration with the Nottingham City Youth Justice Service and Probation. The project will work with young people aged 14 to 24 years who live in Nottingham City and who are seen to be at risk of violence – both as victims and/ or perpetrators – due to associating with a group or gang or being exploited by a gang, for example through County Lines. The implementation stages is up to March 2023 with delivery to Summer 2025.

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Focused Deterrence is an approach to reducing group violence that originates in the USA but has been tried in various forms in the UK. In summary, it identifies a group or groups involved in violence; works with local communities to gain support and assistance with the programme and offers support to group members to change behaviour.

Informing and engaging key stakeholders, including communities, at this stage will help to shape the model, increasing its chance of success in Nottingham. A series of community conversations are planned during the implementation phase. The proposed services from the Difficult Conversations Group hosted by Nottingham Health and Education Support will inform participants about the 'Another Way' Project and generate discussions (within the scope of the project) about ways to reduce harm and provide the best outcomes for the young people involved. This approach will provide consistent insight to support the project design. Funding to Nottingham Health and Education Support for the purposes of this project is in line with Standing Orders with only one quote being required for funding up to £10,000.

A further up to £5,000 has been set aside for third sector organisations as a contribution to room hire etc, staff/volunteer time/expenses and interpretation costs to recruit participants and host the conversations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Up to a total of £9,500 will be provided from the 2022/23 Another Way YEF Funding for the Community Conversation work. This will be broken down as follows:

- £4,500 for the Difficult Conversations Group hosted by Nottingham Health and Education Support; and
- Up to £5,000 for third sector organisations to cover expenditure in organising the conversations including room hire, interpretation and staff/volunteer time/expenses.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer

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Date:

27.01.23

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 up to £9,500 to fund the facilitation of 12 community conversations and a summary report.

Approval is required for spend of up to £9,500 from the 2022/23 Another Way YEF Funding for Community Conversation work, broken down as follows:

** 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. Goddell

Date:

03.02.23

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:

03.02.23