



## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	13.10.23
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.103

<b>TITLE:</b>	An exploratory research study to understand the high numbers of First Time Entrants into the youth justice system in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Violence Reduction Partnership (NNVRP) completed a Strategic Needs Assessment in March 2023 that gave a comprehensive overview of violence in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. As part of the NNVRP Response Strategy, we wish to explore the comparatively high rate of first-time entrants (FTEs) into the Criminal Justice System (CJS) for children (aged 10 to 17).

Following a Request for Proposals a panel of senior practitioners looked at proposals received and made a decision to award the tender to Nottingham Trent University. The value of the work is £19,972.70 to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year.

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

Nottingham City has the highest rate of First Time Entrants (FTEs) in the country, between Oct 21 and Sept 22 we had 486 per 100,000 children, the national average being 146 per 100,000 children.

The negative impact upon children entering the Youth Justice System (YJS) can be felt for years to come for the individual. It can contribute to increased school exclusions leading to future employment challenges, increased mental health problems, the stigma of a criminal record and other life limiting opportunities.

The cost not only to the child and their families of entering the YJS is felt across the city, through the cost of resources targeted at supporting the child, families, victims, and communities and the reputational damage to the city as one of being a high crime area.

Rather than disposals through court, numerous programme types in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire relate to preventative and diversionary disposals – community resolutions,

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youth conditional cautions and outcomes 20, 21 and 22. These may be seen to precede a child becoming an FTE in terms of their progression into the justice system.

Whilst the number of FTEs to the YJS has decreased substantially over the past ten years, Nottingham City continues to be a national outlier in reference to the high number of FTEs. The contributory factors to high numbers of FTEs in Nottingham have not been comprehensively identified and described and whilst it is widely acknowledged across the partnership that while professionals have a range of theories as to why this may be the case, little is known evidentially.

5-month research study to commence in October/November 2023

The following key milestones for this project include:

- Contract award 20th October 2023
- Interim report to be submitted February 2024
- Final Report and review by 31st March 2024

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The value of the award is £19,972.70 in the current 2023/24 financial year. The monies will come from the core NNVRP budget.

**Signature:**  
Chief Finance  
Officer

**REDACTED**

**Date:**

17.10.23

**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 £19,972.70 for research into First Time Entrants in the Youth Justice System.

\*\* 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:**  
Deputy monitoring  
officer



**Date:**

19.10.23

### 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



**Date:**

19.10.23