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Working Together Meeting

Date: 26 April 2017
Time: 10am – 12pm
Venue: PCC Conference Room

Agenda

		Presented by
1.	Apologies For Absence	
2.	Declaration of conflict of interest/disclosable pecuniary interest	
3.	Notes from previous meeting – 7 December 2016	
4.	Home Office Letter – Domestic Homicide Reviews	J Hodgkinson
5.	Business Improvement Districts	J Hodgkinson
6.	Target Hardening Provision	R Kipling
7.	Restorative Justice – Figures and progress report	R Kipling and D Gibson
8.	Youth Diversion Review	S Wilson
9.	ECINS Progress Report and discussion	
10.	Any Other Business	

11	Date of next meeting – 30 August 10am-12pm	
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Working Together Meeting

Wednesday 7 December 2016

10am – 11.30am

PCC's Conference Room, OPCC, Ladgate Lane

Present

R Beard, Middlesbrough Borough Council

L Beeston, Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police

C Clark, Community Safety Manager, Hartlepool Borough Council

K Dargue, Head of South Tees Youth Offending Scheme, Middlesbrough Borough Council

J Hill, Community Safety Officer, Middlesbrough Borough Council

J Hodgkinson, Assistant Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)

J Hosie, Improvement, Prevention & Commissioning Officer, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

S Hume, Stockton Borough Council, Community Safety & Security Manager

G Lang, Chief Superintendent, Cleveland Police

J Nellist, Commissioner's Officer for Scrutiny and Policy, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

L Oldroyd, Community Safety Officer, Hartlepool Borough Council

E Pout, Standards & Scrutiny Manager, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

C Sills, Community Safety Officer, Stockton Borough Council

S Wilson, Commissioner's Officer for Consultation and Engagement, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

1. Apologies for absence

B Coppinger, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

K Bennett, Hartlepool Borough Council

S Nickless, Deputy Chief Constable, Cleveland Police

K Rowntree, Executive Staff Officer, Cleveland Police

M Sigsworth, Stockton Borough Council

2. Declarations of interests

None.

3. Notes of the previous meeting

Notes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Actions from previous meeting

No.	Action	Owner	Status
1.	Best Practice initiatives To ask the LGA network for best practice in delivering prevent initiatives and activities.	S Hume	Complete
2.	Crime Prevention To meet with the Force regarding how Force initiatives link with crime prevention work being carried out by local authorities.	J Hodgkinson	Complete
3.	PCC Grants Administration To publish grant application details and distribute to members.	J Hodgkinson	Complete

5. Cyber-crime

J Hodgkinson distributed 'The Little Book of Cyber Scams' and 'The Little Book of Big Scams' published by the Metropolitan Police for information. The publication was felt to be informative although Cleveland's Local Authorities have similar publications and tailored communication schemes in place. Members agreed to share this publication with colleagues.

6. Tackling Fraud

S Wilson promoted the availability of a training programme 'Friends Against Scams'. Members agreed to share this with their Trading Standards colleagues. Also tabled for information was the 'Senior Fraud Protection Toolkit 2016' published by Home Instead, Senior Care.

Discussions were held regarding partners sharing information and initiatives on the 'suckers' list and the use of E-Cins as the information sharing database. It was noted that Information Sharing Protocols exist between partners to support vulnerable people.

G Lang informed members that officers are working with Fire Brigade colleagues and developing their programme of access, to help protect vulnerable people from becoming victims. Cleveland Police are also developing community based schemes via their Volunteers Programme to help protect vulnerable people from becoming a victim of fraud and cyber-crime.

7. E-Cins (information sharing database)

L Beeston provided an update on progress of the E-Cins project.

E-Cins is a Cloud based multi-agency information sharing tool. This is a national system supported by police forces, local authorities and housing associations across the UK. It is an essential tool for drawing together information about individuals and support the need related to their issues. It gives service providers a more complete knowledge and history of individual's

immediate needs by showing 'live-time' updates on vulnerable people as well as giving a comprehensive profile of them.

Key points to note

- The E-Cins contract is two years. On-going costs are in the region of £40,000 per year. Funding ends in August 2017, discussions are underway to identify funding for future years.
- Partners currently participating/supporting this project include Cleveland Police (lead organisation), Middlesbrough Borough Council, Hartlepool Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council and 13 Housing.
- The Victims First initiative is managed on E-Cins.
- The Troubled Families programme is supported by E-Cins. However, there is reluctance from some Local Authority services to adopt the system. The main barrier being one of duplicating information across existing legacy systems in organisations. Leading to frustrations with information gaps for users.
- Discussions are underway between the Chief Constable and Local Authority Chief Executives to ensure further commitment and use by services/agencies.
- The Chief Executive from E-Cins is visiting to explore further development and take-up of the system. Areas being develop are likely to be Integrated Offender Management (IOM), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT), Refugees and re-settlement programme, Serious homicide reviews and the Prevent channel.

8. **Community Trigger**

J Hodgkinson tabled 'The Community Trigger. Empowerment or Bureaucratic Exercise?' published by ASB Help for information. Members fed back that Community Triggers are the last tool available when all other initiatives have failed. Cleveland has successful partnership initiatives, all operating within problem solving environments and that resources are directed to promote anti-social behaviour initiatives.

9. **Local Criminal Justice Board**

A Reducing Re-offending Sub Group will be re-established with the first meeting in January 2017.

10. **Commissioned Services**

Funding application guidance and application forms is available on the PCC's website and also by contacting OPCC staff. Decisions on applications received will be announced in January 2017.

It was noted that the OPCC is completing a review of Anti-Social Behaviour services. The results will be published in March 2017.

Update from Cleveland Police

- Discussions underway to develop support services for frequent attenders at Roseberry Park. This includes mental health plans for assessing individual's multi-agency use (adults only) and support for people with complex needs.

Update from Hartlepool

- Services are being reviewed and they are adopting a collaborative model. The outcome will be published early 2017.
- New Domestic Abuse services are planned and a new strategy launched. Key messages and stakeholder events have been delivered.
- Bidding for DCLG funds to strengthen refuge provision for individuals with complex needs.

Update from Middlesbrough

- Awarded the 'White Ribbon' for their action plan in tackling Domestic Violence against men.
- Antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of North Ormesby licensed properties has reduced.
- Adopting the Landlord Accreditation Scheme.
- Bidding for DCLG funds for link workers to support homeless and those with chaotic lifestyles.
- Bidding for Home Office funding for a Community Coordinator for community cohesion.

Update from Redcar & Cleveland

- Undergoing major service review and are adopting a collaborative model. Reviewing activities, their impact on communities and re-prioritising service provision.

Update from Stockton

- Major review underway from a community safety perspective.
- Emerging challenge is hotspot area for sex workers.

11. Forward Plan

Tabled for information.

12. Any Other Business

None arise.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 26 April 2017 at 10am to 12 noon.

Item 4



Home Office

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To: Community Safety Partnerships

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) have a key role in helping to understand what lessons can be learned regarding the way local professionals and agencies work together to safeguard victims and how service responses can be made more effective. To assist in this process, we have announced a package of measures to promote the learning from DHRs and share good practice.

The *Multi-agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews* has been updated to take account of changes since the guidance was last revised in 2013. The revised guidance (which is available on the link below) emphasises the importance of involving family and friends in reviews; reiterates the need to ensure the review panel composition has a sufficiently diverse mix of statutory and voluntary sector representation, as well as relevant expertise; and provides improved templates to help standardise the structure of reports.

I hope that those who commission, participate or contribute to DHRs going forward will find the revised guidance and recommended templates helpful.

We have also published the key findings from a study of a sample of DHRs undertaken by Home Office researchers (available on the link below). Since April 2011, when DHRs were put on a statutory footing, there have been in excess of 400 DHR reports submitted to the Home Office to be quality assured by a panel of experts from the statutory and voluntary sectors. DHRs provide a rich source of information on the nature of domestic homicide, the context in which it occurs and, most importantly, the lessons that can be learned from the tragic event.

I would encourage local areas to review the learning from this report and consider improvements to local practice, policies, operational processes and services to safeguard victims and prevent domestic homicide. The analysis also contains action the Government is undertaking to improve the areas identified by this report and some suggested actions for local areas to consider taking.

I would like to remind you of the important role your Community Safety Partnership (CSP) plays in maintaining strategic oversight of the delivery of the action plans made in DHRs. The DHR quality assurance panel has reported that in some instances the same actions are being repeatedly identified in local reviews within the same CSP area. Whilst the DHR process in itself is valuable, it is vital that the learning in reviews is put into practice and the CSP has a key role in ensuring this is achieved.

The Home Office will be enhancing their oversight role of DHRs to ensure that local areas are delivering the actions identified in reports.

YOUTH DIVERSION REVIEW - RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

BACKGROUND

When Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were established in November 2012 they took responsibility for police funding and also devolved responsibility for a number of other funding streams. This included Positive Futures for youth diversionary activity, which had previously been granted directly to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). Since coming into post Cleveland's PCC has grant funded this money (£30k per year for each Local Authority area) directly to CSPs to continue open access and targeted youth diversionary provision and outreach work.

In addition to the former Positive Futures funding, a designated PCC Community Safety Initiatives Fund (PCCSIF) has been created in Cleveland, through efficiency savings. Community organisations, groups and charities are able to apply to this fund for community based activity which supports one or more of the PCC's five key priorities:

- Investing in our Police
- A better deal for victims and witnesses
- Tackling re-offending
- Working together to make Cleveland safer
- Securing the future of our communities

There is no upper limit for applications to the PCCSIF. Organisations can only apply once per financial year. Applications are considered on a monthly basis by a panel of individuals - the PCC, Chief of Staff or Treasurer, OPCC staff. Any grants of over £10,000 are specifically monitored through a grant agreement and regular reporting arrangements.

The Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) is also held by the PCC as a source of funding for small community projects. PPAF is created from the sale of recovered stolen goods or property where the owners are not known and cannot be traced. The PCC considers applications from local voluntary and community groups who are working for charitable purposes to improve the lives of people in the Cleveland police area. As in the case of PCCSIF funding, projects must support one or more of the PCC's five key priorities.

REASON FOR REVIEW

During 2015/16 the PCC granted over £267k funding towards positive youth diversionary activities and projects - this consisted of £120k grant funding to CSPs, together with just over £147k to a variety of community organisations and charities who had applied for funding through the PCCSIF or PPAF. A full breakdown of organisations funded through PCCSIF and PPAF and the geographical area they cover is available at Appendix A.

An analysis of the geographical spread of funding identified disproportionality between Local Authority areas, and there was concern that this inequality of funding was not based on a needs analysis, but on a greater proportion of applications from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in some areas. As Cleveland Police move towards a needs based model of policing, with resources targeted at areas of greatest demand it is imperative that the PCC funding model for youth diversion reflects this needs based approach.

There were also concerns that some of the projects funded were not adequately linked into policing activity, and that consideration should be given in the future to establishing these links when granting funding.

STAKEHOLDERS

A number of stakeholders have been identified through the review:

PCC - Although the PCC does not have a statutory duty to provide youth diversion activity, there is a clear link between several of the Cleveland PCC's priorities and the provision of

positive youth diversionary activity, both at a preventative level directed towards areas of highest need with the aim of reducing antisocial behaviour and at a targeted level, focused on key individuals with the aim of diverting them from offending behaviour.

Police - Although the Police do not have a statutory duty to provide youth diversion, their primary role of providing protection for the general public by maintaining order means that they are ideally placed to contribute to the targeting of youth diversion to ensure that it contributes to reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in local areas thereby assisting in maintaining order.

Local Authority - There is a statutory duty on local authorities to secure, as far as is practicable, sufficient services and activities to improve the wellbeing of young people (section 507B of the Education Act 2006). The duty also requires local authorities to take into account young people's views and publicise information about what is available. In keeping with the legislation, local authorities should not assume the role of default provider of positive activities and should instead use planning and commissioning processes to identify the most appropriate provider; utilising the strengths of organisations within the voluntary and private sectors alongside those of the local authority itself. Local authorities are required under section 507B to consider whether positive activity provision can be improved by delivering the service, or elements of it through an alternative provider.

Fire Service - Under the Fire & Rescue Services Act a fire and rescue authority must make provision for the purpose of promoting fire safety in its area.

(2) In making provision under subsection (1) a fire and rescue authority must in particular, to the extent that it considers it reasonable to do so, make arrangements for—

(a) the provision of information, publicity and encouragement in respect of the steps to be taken to prevent fires and death or injury by fire;

(b) the giving of advice, on request, about—

(i) how to prevent fires and restrict their spread in buildings and other property;

(ii) the means of escape from buildings and other property in case of fire.

Youth Offending Team - Despite the evidence behind it, youth diversion is not a statutory duty of youth offending teams (YOTs).

"It is, however, crucial that YOTs are functionally integrated with prevention and diversion services so that they can contribute their considerable expertise" - Youth Justice Board report: Youth offending teams: making the difference for children and young people, victims and communities.

CURRENT SITUATION

In 2016/17 the PCC funded a range of youth diversionary activity. For the purposes of this report funding has been split into four distinct groups:

- CSP funding
- Larger grants, for which a Grant Agreement is required - over £10k
- Small grants - under £10k
- Other organisations who are stakeholders

CSP FUNDING

Since coming into office in November 2012 Cleveland's PCC has funded each CSP £30k on an annual basis to deliver early intervention, diversionary and positive activities centred around assertive street based youth work. Funding is applied for jointly by all four CSPs. In 2017/18 an increase in funding has been requested, to £37k per annum per Local Authority area. This increase in requested funding is due to Local Authority budgetary cuts together with a reduction in youth diversionary activity provided through other mechanisms as all sectors experience budgetary pressures as a result of reduced funding.

Each CSP takes a slightly different approach to allocating the funding received, as outlined below:

Hartlepool - A targeted youth outreach service is commissioned by the CSP from the VCS using PCC funding together with additional Local Authority funding. In 2016/17 the value of this contract was £58k (£30k PCC funding, £28k Local Authority funding). It is anticipated that the Local Authority contribution will reduce in 2017/18 due to budgetary cuts.

Analysis is undertaken of crime and antisocial behaviour to identify areas to be targeted for activity. Activity is directed through a CSP Coordinator, who meets regularly with the VCS provider. The allocation of youth outreach services is also discussed at regular multi agency meetings.

Middlesbrough - A targeted youth outreach service is commissioned by the CSP from the VCS solely using PCC funding. Activity is focused on priority areas, as directed through the Joint Action Groups, on which the VCS provider sits. Activity is monitored by a CSP Coordinator, who meets regularly with the VCS provider, although other agencies are able to make direct referrals to the VCS provider.

A Review of Youth Services is currently being undertaken in Middlesbrough. Middlesbrough Local Authority Youth Services no longer deliver direct access youth services or preventative diversionary activities. All Youth Service staff now undertake targeted work through Early Help/Troubled Families provision.

Middlesbrough Local Authority now has a 'Youth Offer' which is a grant programme for the VCS to provide diversionary activities and outreach work in targeted areas identified through an analysis of need. 2017/18 LA funding for this is £25k. The Youth Offer will refer into targeted activity and services where necessary. Currently the PCC funding is separately commissioned to the Youth Offer, however the long term plan for the Youth Offer is for funders to take a coordinated approach to funding by devolving all available grants into a single commissioning pot.

Redcar and Cleveland - PCC funding in Redcar and Cleveland is used to deliver a range of activities:

- Crucial Crew – multi agency event focusing on Year 6 pupils (10/11 year olds), with a range of community safety scenarios aimed at providing young people with information and advice on how to keep themselves safe as they progress into secondary school.
- Youth Ambassador Programme – focused programme in designated schools aimed at reducing antisocial behaviour and encouraging community safety within young people. Currently not targeted at specific areas of need but plans in place to undertake a more coordinated approach in 2017/18.
- Streetz Team outreach – the remaining PCC funding is allocated to local Authority Youth Workers enabling the service to extend its coverage. In 2016/17 this work was commissioned out to an external provider who were unable to fulfil the needs of the programme. Proposals for 2017/18 focus on extending Streetz Team outreach to an additional evening, however flexibility in this service is limited.

Stockton - PCC funding in Stockton is granted directly to a VCS provider, who is the Local Authority preferred provider for youth diversionary activity. This funding is granted to undertake a targeted youth outreach service. Preventative activity is coordinated through the Joint Action Groups (JAGs) at targeted areas. A CSP Coordinator directs this activity.

From April 2017 Stockton is implementing an Open Access Youth Services Transition Plan, with three separate streams:

- Targeted – Troubled Families work will continue through local Authority funding.
- Preventative – VCS organisations will provide directed activity focused through JAGs, utilising Local Authority funding. The PCC youth diversion funding will form part of this preventative work.
- Open Access – Local Authority will no longer provide open access youth services from April 2017. Catalyst are coordinating VCS organisations who provide open

access services with £100K Local Authority funding provided to establish a VCSE Open Access Youth Service Model. This is a time limited Local Authority contribution to establish a network and oversight to coordinate existing VCS open access youth outreach.

LARGER GRANTS

The following organisations have received grants of over £10,000.

Show Racism the Red Card – Tackling hate crime is a key priority for the PCC, and it was recognised that additional work should be undertaken in promoting anti-racism messages across Cleveland. Show Racism the Red Card are a North East based charity which provides anti-racism education and training utilising core staff together with current and ex professional football players. PCC funding covered:

- Pupil workshops within Primary and Secondary environments across Cleveland - some issues were encountered with take-up of the workshops by schools, and the programme would benefit from targeting to areas of greatest need in the future.
- Three educational practitioner training conferences aimed at giving teachers and other professionals working with young people the skills and tools to challenge racist attitudes effectively and encourage positive debate around diversity.
- Hartlepool FC event with Hartlepool primary schools. Middlesbrough FC had previously been engaged with as part of the previous year's funding.
- Training session for front line police officers and staff aimed at giving them the skills and tools to effectively identify and tackle racism.

Core funding was granted through PCCSIF together with enhanced levels of funding for 2016/17 due to identification of a non-recurring funding stream. The PCC is currently the main funder for SRTRC activity within the Cleveland area.

MFC Foundation Kicks – Grant funded through PCCSIF application. Free of charge open access diversionary activities provided, based on engagement with young people to establish what services are required, i.e. not limited to only football based activity although football is a key theme. Working predominantly in Middlesbrough (Pallister Park, Park End and Thorntree), and Eston with plans to move into Loftus and Stockton. 1373 young people engaged since September 2016.

Good links with Cleveland Police - Neighbourhood Inspectors sit on Kicks Steering Group in Middlesbrough, and Neighbourhood Teams participate in events.

Good links with partnership community safety agencies in Middlesbrough - Kicks sit on JAGs. Activities undertaken at key periods as directed by agencies, i.e. Mischief Night. Specific campaigns as directed by agencies – MFC players recording anti stone throwing messages.

Involvement of MFC Players in activity - MFC players as Ambassadors, players donate boots, MFC donate match tickets and boots.

Linked into other diversionary and preventative activity - BECON BME Youth Project, Hemlington Linx Youth Outreach, Prison Me No Way, Lives not Knives.

PCC is the only local funder - £80,000 core Premiership funding, plus £30,000 extra if match funded locally, therefore for a relatively low contribution the PCC can bring in considerable additional funding to a project which reaches a large number of young people across Cleveland.

Ambassador programme – Junior football leaders award, volunteering opportunities.

High quality delivery and performance reporting.

Street League - Grant funded through PCCSIF application. Works with 16 to 24 year olds NEETs. 10 week academy in Southlands Centre – open to young people from across Cleveland. Transport is paid for.

Referrals received from Street Wardens, Job Centre, Youth Offending Service, Probation, Thirteen, Stages, but no current links to Police.

Sessions focus on employability, strengths, mock interviews, personal impact, together with sporting activity. Work with a range of employers such as Timpson, Dewsons, Holiday Inn.

72 young people engaged in academy during the year – 50 outcomes for year to date (into education or employment). Support doesn't stop once young people are in work – aftercare role.

Kidz Konnekt - Grant funded through PCCSIF application. Covers South Bank and Greater Eston area but plans to move into East Cleveland, Redcar and East Middlesbrough. Also receives funding from Big Lottery and Children in Need. Provision for children from 8 years. Centre based activity focusing on attitudes, risk taking behaviour, victim awareness and intergenerational work, together with street based diversionary activity and community projects. Good links into the Police and Local Authority Youth Services. Sits on some multi agency meetings but not Problem Solving Groups.

The Right Hook - Grant funded through PCCSIF application. Open access project focusing on areas of high deprivation in Redcar and Cleveland, utilising boxing as a means of engaging young people and diverting them from antisocial behaviour. Mobile boxing rings deployed in targeted areas. Young people signposted to volunteering and skills development. Unable to engage directly with project during review period.

SMALL GRANTS

All of the following organisations successfully applied to the PCCSIF for grant funding.

#ShopWise - Anti shoplifting workshops delivered in identified targeted schools across Cleveland in conjunction with the North East Retail Crime Partnership. Links to local Police to identify target areas. Use of local retailers to assist in delivering workshops. Good feedback from schools involved but difficult to analyse impact of workshops on pupils.

Middlesbrough Crucial Crew - multi agency event focusing on Year 6 pupils (10/11 year olds), with a range of community safety scenarios aimed at providing young people with information and advice on how to keep themselves safe as they progress into secondary school. In Middlesbrough this is coordinated by a Social Enterprise through PCC funding and sponsorship from Middlesbrough College who provide the venue and refreshments free of charge.

Acklam Gym Club - Purchase of a top tumbler enabling the extension of the Gymnastic Club provision to provide a beginners tumbling class, thereby enabling engagement with more children in the local area to encourage them to keep active, fit and healthy at an early stage. Unable to engage directly with project during review period.

Safer Communities - Teesside Athletic FC received funding from Awards for All and the PCC to develop a programme which used sport to increase opportunities for young people aged 16-25 in the Redcar & Cleveland area.

The Sporting Opportunities Programme involved a series of drop in sessions where the participants gained awareness and knowledge of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, IT training, and opportunities to increase their prospects for employment and to gain Sports Coaching qualifications.

During the programme 624 young people aged 16-25 years have accessed the sessions, leading to 36 young people gaining IT Qualifications, 44 young people accessing online learning resources on Healthy Living, 12 young people gaining additional qualifications/works experience and 10 young people gaining FA Level 1 Coaching Certificates. The programme has introduced sports/exercise activities in wards/areas where there are high levels of antisocial behaviour.

Rifty Youth Project - Provision of a Summer Club over the six week summer holiday period providing 3 days per week sessions together with a hot lunch. Sessions included sports, healthy cooking, arts and crafts and excursions to local areas of interest. Funding also covered a twice weekly evening youth club providing a safe environment for young people to socialise. The youth club offers a variety of diversionary activities and issue based work around alcohol, drugs and sexual health. Unable to engage directly with project during review period.

Helping Elderly Regain Outside-Space (HERO-S) - Social action gardening project using young volunteers and community mentors to tidy up elderly and other vulnerable people's gardens so that they can enjoy their gardens and have a better quality of life. Unable to engage directly with project during review period.

Hemlington Linx - Youth outreach work in targeted areas of high antisocial behaviour and deprivation. Good links into local policing and partnerships - Linx sit on JAGs. Activities undertaken at key periods as directed by agencies, i.e. Mischief Night.

Good links to other VCS youth diversion activity - MFC Kicks and BECON BME Project.

Also undertake specific work with schools when emerging issues are identified.

Practical Peers - PCC funding covered a woodwork project and a bike maintenance project run by Hardwick in Partnership Ltd, who are a totally grant funded organisation who run a variety of programmes aimed at engaging and empowering the local community in an area of high deprivation. PCC is the sole funder of the Practical Peers project. Aim of the project is to engage socially excluded young people and divert from antisocial behaviour. 9 young people engaged in woodwork project. Bike project not yet started at time of review.

Youth workers help identify suitable young people, also link into Hype Youth Project. Links with Police need to be established.

Staying out of Trouble Young (SOOTY) Project – The Masters Training Centre offers education and training for 13 to 20 year olds who are no longer in mainstream education. The SOOTY Project, which was completely funded by the PCC, focused on delivering Personal, Social and Health Education, providing young people with information on a variety of areas including sexual health, drugs and alcohol. The aim is to assist those involved in developing fully as individuals and as members of families and social and economic communities by equipping them with the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthily, safely, productively and responsibly. Close links to local Neighbourhood Police Team. 18 young people engaged over a year – project ends May/June but PCC funding has been utilised to purchase electrical equipment which will reduce the costs of future projects.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE STAKEHOLDERS

Cleveland Police - As part of the Review discussions were held with the Cleveland Police Youth Engagement Group. It is clear that not all of the youth diversionary projects funded by the PCC in 2016/17 were sufficiently linked into local policing arrangements.

Whilst Cleveland Police are moving towards greater youth engagement, concern was expressed by Youth Engagement Leads regarding Police capacity to direct youth diversionary

activity. It was felt that this responsibility should continue to be undertaken by Community Safety Partnerships.

Cleveland Fire Brigade - Cleveland Fire Brigade no longer provide open access youth diversion due to reduced funding. A range of targeted programmes are available through external grant funding. There is no Fire core funding for this activity.

Funding is currently received from some Local Authority areas and directly from schools and educational establishments. Current provision is predominantly in Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland.

Cleveland Fire Brigade run a range of programmes including:

- Life Programme – 1 week programme for 13 to 17 year olds. Commissioned specifically by individual schools or through LA Troubled Families.
- Family version of Life Programme commissioned by Redcar & Cleveland Troubled Families.
- Safe – 6 x 2 hour sessions, in school holidays – been delivered with Acklam Grange pupils.
- Mini Cadets Programme – run with Pupil Referral Unit.
- National Citizen Service – Pilot programme targeting NEET young people.
- Roots to Employment – aimed at school leavers.
- BTEC Level 2 Fire Services Award.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Education Act 2006 stipulates that Local Authorities should secure sufficient services and activities to improve the wellbeing of young people, and should not assume the role of default provider of positive activities but should instead use planning and commissioning processes to identify the most appropriate provider.

Research undertaken as part of this review would indicate that commissioning a Targeted Youth Outreach provision from the VCS will enable a more flexible and responsive approach, allowing services to be targeted more effectively to emerging areas of need. Involvement of the commissioned VCS organisation in local multi agency problem solving groups, i.e. JAGs is also seen as best practice.

The utilisation of a CSP Resource to coordinate the Targeted Youth Outreach provision is seen as instrumental to the success of the provision by the Police and partners.

Recommendation One - The PCC continues to fund CSPs to provide a Targeted Youth Outreach Service. This funding is increased to £37k per annum per Local Authority area, thereby granting the majority of PCC funding for youth diversion to the CSPs to enable coordinated targeting of activity. As part of the grant agreement it is stipulated that the funding must be used to commission a Targeted Youth Outreach provision from the VCS.

Recommendation Two - The commissioned VCS organisation is invited to sit on local multi agency problem solving groups, i.e. JAGs.

Recommendation Three - A Local Authority officer is identified in all areas to coordinate the commissioned Targeted Youth Outreach Service and report back to the OPCC on activity undertaken with PCC funding.

Recommendation Four - In areas where funding is to be pooled in the future to achieve the maximum benefits from the allocated funding, PCC funding should be utilised as part of the Preventative element of this funding, i.e. Youth Offer in Middlesbrough, Preventative strand of Open Access Youth Services Transition Plan in Stockton.

Crucial Crew multi agency events are currently held in each local Authority area. The events focus on Year 6 pupils (10/11 year olds), with a range of community safety scenarios aimed at

providing the young people with information and advice on how to keep themselves safe as they progress into secondary school. In Hartlepool and Stockton Crucial Crew is funded through core Local Authority funding. In Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland, Crucial Crew is funded directly by the PCC. Given the recommended increase in PCC funding for CSP directed Youth Outreach it is recommended that Crucial Crew events are funded through Local Authority core funding in all areas.

Recommendation Five - Crucial Crew events are funded through Local Authority core funding in all areas.

In 2016/17 a large grant was provided to Show Racism the Red Card, who are a North East based charity who provide anti-racism education and training utilising core staff together with current and ex professional football players. PCC funding covered:

- Pupil workshops within Primary and Secondary environments across Cleveland - some issues were encountered with take-up of the workshops by schools, and the programme would benefit from targeting to areas of greatest need in the future.
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- Training session for front line police officers and staff aimed at giving them the skills and tools to effectively identify and tackle racism.

Tackling hate crime is a key priority for the PCC, and Show Racism the Red Card are uniquely placed to deliver anti-racism education.

Recommendation Six - The PCC continues to fund Show Racism the Red Card on an annual basis to undertake anti-racism workshops in schools across Cleveland. Funding levels to be determined on an annual basis. Workshops to be directed at targeted schools based on input from Cleveland Police and Community Safety Partnerships.

In 2016/17 a large grant was provided to Middlesbrough FC Kicks, who deliver the youth engagement wing of Middlesbrough Football Club activity, through core Premiership funding, together with additional Premiership funding if match funded locally, which is currently undertaken by the PCC. MFC Kicks activity is directed by the Police and partnership agencies to core areas of need, and retains a focus on key issues. The provision is very well respected by police and partnership agencies, and PCC match funding provides additional Premiership investment which would not otherwise be available. All activities provided are free of charge and open access. MFC Kicks has close links with other VCS youth provision services. Delivery is predominantly in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland currently.

Recommendation Seven - The PCC continues to match fund Middlesbrough FC Kicks on an annual basis. Funding levels to be determined on an annual basis. Service provision to be extended to cover Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton. Kicks to sit on multi agency problem solving groups in each Local Authority area, i.e. JAGs. Cleveland Police representatives from all Local Policing Areas covered by the project to sit on Kicks Steering Group.

Recommendation Eight – Middlesbrough FC Kicks do not operate in Hartlepool Local Authority area as this area is covered by Hartlepool FC, therefore engagement with Hartlepool FC be undertaken to facilitate the extension of football club promoted youth diversionary activity to Hartlepool Local Authority area.

Currently the PCC Community Safety Initiatives Fund has no upper limit for applications. In 2016/17 funding was granted to a number of large value youth diversionary projects leading to a situation whereby the funding was all utilised early in the financial year, thereby limiting the range of activities and projects which could be funded. Given the recommendation that CSPs utilise future PCC funding to commission Targeted Youth Outreach Provision from the VCS, an upper limit of £2500 is recommended for Youth Diversion Projects funded through the PCCSIF, with larger value projects being directed to the CSP commissioning process - with the exception of Show Racism the Red Card and Middlesbrough FC Kicks.

Recommendation Nine - An upper limit of £2500 be imposed for Youth Diversion Projects funded through the PCCSIF, with larger value projects being directed to the CSP commissioning process.

Whilst the Review concluded that all of the individual projects funded by the PCC were providing valuable services within the community, it was established that some projects could benefit from more established linkages with the local police and partnership community safety agencies. Work is on-going within Cleveland Police to establish greater youth engagement, including through third party providers. Currently there is no police input to the PCCSIF decision process.

Recommendation Ten - Through the Cleveland Police Youth Engagement Group a dedicated Police Youth Engagement Lead is identified in each Local Policing Area to provide advice and guidance to the PCCSIF Panel on funding for youth diversionary projects in their LPA. This Youth Engagement Lead will be responsible for ensuring that any projects funded by the PCC within their LPA are sufficiently linked into local policing practices.

**APPENDIX A - YOUTH DIVERSION FUNDED THROUGH PCC COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES FUND
OR POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND 2016/17**

Project	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Stockton	Redcar
#ShopWise				
Street League				
Show Racism the Red Card				
Crucial Crew		£ 1,800.00		
Acklam Gym Club		£ 750.00		
MFC Foundation Kicks Programme		£ 12,000.00		£ 12,000.00
Kidz Konnekt				£20,000.00
Safer Communities - Teeside Athletic FC				£3,000.00
The Right Hook				£10,000.00
Rifty Youth Project	£4,978.00			
HERO-S - Owton Fens Community Assoc	£4,681.00			
Hemlington Detached Youth Project Limited		£5,999.00		
Practical Peers - Hardwick in Partnership			£3,000.00	
SOOTY Project - Masters Training Centre			£2,200.00	
Total	£9,659.00	£20,549.00	£5,200.00	£45,800.00