



Commissioning Strategy

2022/23 - 2023/24



Foreword from the PCC



Introduction



Following my election in May 2021 and the subsequent launch of my Police and Crime Plan, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland have developed this Commissioning Strategy based on my four Key Strategic Outcomes: -

- To build public confidence and put the pride back into Cleveland Police
- To work collectively with partners to reduce crime, specifically serious violence
- To make greater use of technology that creates efficiencies and supports productivity
- To provide high quality services to victims and the most vulnerable that effectively meets their needs

Using these as the catalyst for the commissioning of future services, my office will work to deliver a suite of strategic services

which will support the pathway in achieving these outcomes.

I will continue to work with partner agencies in co-commissioning, seeking to obtain additional funding where possible to further drive available service provisions to the Cleveland community.

I will continuously be reviewing and assessing those services in which we commission, to ensure contractual benefits are being realised to their full potential, whilst delivering best value for money.

I look forward to engaging with recipients of funding and highlighting the positive work in which they deliver.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has two types of open funding streams which are used to commission projects and initiatives:

1. PCC Community Safety Fund

The Police and Crime Commissioner receives funds from central government to distribute to organisations and groups who are committed to improving community safety in Cleveland.

In accordance with Section 143 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, all awards from this fund must address one or more of the following:

- Crime and disorder reduction, including antisocial behaviour, in communities and neighbourhoods
- Reducing the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances
- Reducing re-offending
- Helping victims, witnesses or other people affected by crime and antisocial behaviour (where services are not already being commissioned by the PCC)

2. Police Property Act Fund

The Police Property Act Fund is created from the sale of recovered stolen goods or property where the owners are not known and cannot be traced. The Police and Crime Commissioner will consider applications from local voluntary and community groups who are working for charitable purposes to improve the lives of people in the Cleveland Police area.

Applicants can apply for either one-off, or long-term funding; and must be able to demonstrate that their project or initiative meets one or more of the Police and Crime Commissioners priorities.

In addition to these open funding streams, the Police and Crime Commissioners has the following forecast budgets which are used to commission contracted services. These services are subject to the financial planning process and are documented within the PCC's Budget and Capital Plans for 2022/23, and the Long-Term Financial Plans to 2025/26.

	Forecasts			
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Commissioned Services	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Community Safety Initiatives	1,000	1,000	1,005	1,010
Victims and Witnesses Services	1,695	1,210	1,250	1,270
Total Planned Expenditure	2,695	2,210	2,255	2,280



Commissioning Principles

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland strives to achieve best value for money for the public purse, and as such have developed 10 principles to which we work to when looking to commission services for our community:-

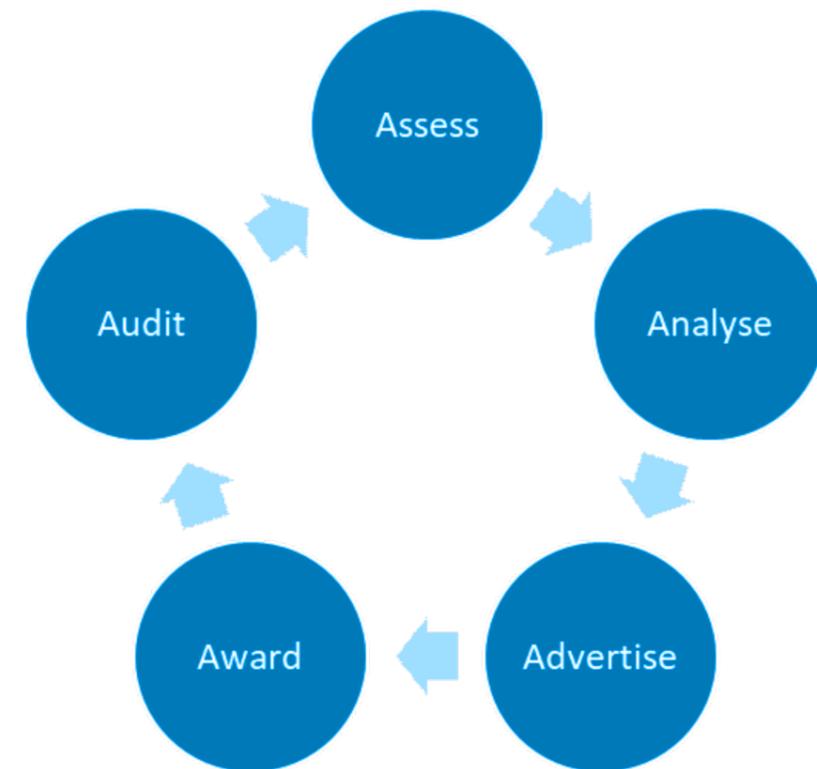
1. Our starting position will be to co-commission with local partner agencies and third sector (such as local authorities, emergency service partners or charitable organisations).
2. We will use an evidenced based approach to assess local need and conduct our commissioning.
3. We will be innovative, making sure that victims needs are at the centre of our services.
4. Work with industry experts to help us develop a whole system approach to problem solving.
5. Allocate funding in a fair and transparent way, against prioritised local demand and need.
6. Work with potential provider organisations (including those from the third sector and local experts) well in advance of commissioning new services, to determine and set priority outcomes.
7. We will be supportive to the existing funding constraints, making the best use of shared assets, resources and information.
8. Our commissioning will be clear on expected performance outcomes, and be transparent and open to scrutiny.
9. We will seek feedback from our service users, communities and providers in order to continuously improve.
10. Regularly horizon scan to look for national funding opportunities which could benefit our local community.



Understanding Need

Understanding our community is at the forefront of our commissioning process. Using intelligent data collation, alongside evidenced community demand and pressures, we aim to commission services that provide resource to those areas who need it the most.

This is an ongoing processes that ensures we can change our commissioning dynamics in order to service the varying landscape of demand and collaborative opportunities with partners and the third sector.



There are essentially 5 stages to our commissioning process:

1. **Assess** – What is the need / demand?
2. **Analyse** – How can this need be addressed, and what opportunities are there for collaboration with local partner agencies and third sector bodies
3. **Advertise** – Tender services in a competitive and open market
4. **Award** – Appoint the most advantageous service provider, providing a clear and transparent decision record form demonstrating the rational
5. **Audit** – Generate an ongoing schedule of review and scrutiny



2022/2023 Commissioning Priorities



2023-2024 Development Priorities

Contracts which have been tendered by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland this financial year include:

Using the Police and Crime 10-Point Plan as a basis, which has been developed following a public consultation and engagement process, the following areas will be further developed within the commissioning portfolio: -



COPA

Cleveland's first policing app was developed by local digital agency Alt Labs. It gives communities an alternative way to contact police and the OPCC.

Appropriate Adult Service

The service, delivered by Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind, helps protect the wellbeing and safety of detainees in custody.

Co-commissioning of Restorative Justice Services with the Probation Service

Safer Communities continue to deliver the Restorative Cleveland service, supporting victims to move forward.

Victim Care and Advice Service

After a procurement process, Safer Communities were commissioned to continue delivery of the successful VCAS service which has been running since 2015.

Targeted Detached Youth Services

Youth Outreach involves experienced and trained youth workers delivering a range of early intervention, diversionary, education, and positive activities in a specific location.



- » In partnership with Cleveland Police and Probation, we will further develop the Cleveland Divert scheme.
- » Development of an Integrated Offender Management Scheme.
- » Enhancement of custody screening in collaboration with commissioned services.
- » Development of the Home Office Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund, mapping those additional needs identified.
- » Work with Public Health partners in assessing collaborative approaches in tackling drug use and rehabilitation.
- » Commissioning of County Lines training, to increase awareness.
- » Launch a small grants fund earmarked against youth diversionary activities.
- » Further enhancement and development of VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) services with local voluntary community organisations.
- » Work with commissioned services to understand diversity of victims, accessing existing support provisions in place, and developing further as required.

- » Work to secure further Safer Street funding opportunities.
- » Explore the development of a 'Handyperson Referral Scheme' for those most vulnerable within the community.
- » Evaluating further use of technological opportunities within the offending and justice portfolio, assessing where technological developments.



Cleveland Police and Crime Plan

2021 - 2024

Putting the pride back into Cleveland Police





Contact Us

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