



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval

Title: Funding - Youth Offending Service 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2022

Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland has provided funding for the three Youth Offending Services operating across Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton since 2015 as part of a joint commitment to tackle offending and reoffending, and deliver better outcomes for young people.

Youth Triage addresses offending behaviour in young people across Cleveland, and remains an effective form of early intervention by reducing the number of first time entrants in the criminal justice system, by providing interventions as an alternative to prosecution.

Between April 2017 and March 2020 the youth offending services in Cleveland have worked with almost 650 young people – 88% of which were between the ages of 14 and 17. The largest offence types were for Violence against the Person (29%), Criminal Damage (18%), and Public Order offences (15%).

During this period of time there were over 650 Triage interventions reported by the youth offending teams, which included:

- 202 Offending Behaviour sessions
- 116 Reparation/ Restorative Justice sessions/ interventions
- 90 Victim Awareness sessions
- 51 Education, Training and Employment sessions

The PCC continues to recognise the important role that early intervention plays in diverting young people away from offending, and is pleased to extend Triage funding for an additional twenty four month period between 1st April 2020 ending 31st March 2022. As part of this extension, the OPCC has requested that the funding supports the expansion of out of court disposal delivery on a Cleveland footprint, to include Triage 2 and restorative interventions, to ensure a more consistent and equitable out of court disposal offer to young people from the 1st October 2020.

Funding allocations are broken down below:

Hartlepool:

April 2020 - March 2022: £64,000

South Tees:

April 2020 - March 2022: £160,000

Stockton:

April 2020 - March 2022: £96,000

Decision: This decision is to approve funding for Hartlepool, Stockton and South Tees Youth Offending Services as below for the period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2022.

Hartlepool - £64,000
South Tees - £160,000
Stockton - £96,000

OPCC Lead Officer: Chris Guttridge

Contractor Details (if applicable): Hartlepool Youth Offending Service, South Tees Youth Offending Service, Stockton-on-Tees Youth Offending Service

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The funding to support this decision is included within the 2021/22 budget and therefore affordable to the PCC.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Grant agreement are in place between OPCC and each of the Youth Offending Services.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Youth Offending Teams (YOTS) will work with, and safeguard people with social and health inequalities, and will be accessible to anyone regardless of background, gender, ethnic group, or sexual orientation.

Human Rights Implications

None arising

Sustainability Implications

The funding will cover a two year period from the 1st April 2020 up until 31st March 2022. The OPCC will work with Youth Offending Teams to explore potential funding streams to keep the services operating post March 2022.

Risk Management Implications

The Youth Offending Teams report to strategic groups that are hosted by the Police and Crime Commissioner, and Community Safety Partnerships, Health & Wellbeing Boards.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed 

Date 19/03/2021

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed 

Date 19/03/2021