



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For the Police and Crime Commissioner to approve funding for North East Youth (NE Youth)

Title: CURV Serious Violence Funding – NE Youth

Executive Summary: In April 2022, Cleveland's OPCC was notified of its successful application for Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Funding from the Home Office over a 3-year period. This resulted in the establishment of the 'Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence' (CURV), which was tasked with the role of bringing together all partners and stakeholders to develop and deliver an intelligence and evidence led strategy aimed at reducing serious violence across Cleveland through a Public Health agenda.

The Home Office funding will establish a partnership through the creation of CURV, the core function of which is to provide leadership and strategic coordination of Cleveland's response to serious violence. CURV will deliver this by strengthening partnerships, working with communities, and ensuring specified authorities, partners and key stakeholders collaborate across the whole of Cleveland to achieve agreed objectives. The primary measures of success are for VRUs to deliver:

- A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object and especially among victims aged under 25.
- A reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially among victims aged under 25.
- A reduction on all non-domestic homicides and especially among victims aged under 25 involving knives.

As Cleveland ranks among the top ten local areas for police recorded knife crime and hospital admissions for knife sharp object assault – and with rates continuing to rise - CURV will prioritise activity that seeks to reduce these metrics. Activities to be funded will be aligned with the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) toolkit of interventions, focussing on those deemed 'high impact' or 'moderate impact' with 'high evidence' in order to contribute to the reduction of serious violence.

Such interventions should.

- Effectively engage with under-25s but not excluding adults.
- Steer young people away from serious violence, crime, or potential harm.

These activities could include sports, arts, crafts, and other activities, including trauma informed practice training which improves the capabilities of staff/professionals to understand the links between serious violence, trauma and neurodiversity. The NE Youth bid for trauma informed training is in line with this approach.

The NE Youth bid was reviewed and approved by a multi-agency panel comprising of the PCC, OPCC, North East Probation Service and Voluntary Sector representatives. Key deliverables of the bid include:

- Decided via an Expression of Interest, 8 practitioners will be identified, through both NE Youth and Youth Focus North East’s expansive networks. Across Cleveland these practitioners will engage with young people and signpost to more specialist services and train 2 Healing Together Facilitators.
- Deliver ‘Healing Together Training’- To enable practitioners to have the resources and knowledge they need to work with young people who have experienced trauma. This training and support to organisations across Cleveland, will seek to increase confidence, expertise, capacity, awareness, and capabilities to understand the links between serious violence, trauma and neurodiversity.

Decision: For the Police and Crime Commissioner to approve funding from the CURV budget 2022/23 of £9,058.00

OPCC Lead Officer: Simon Smart, CURV Project Manager

Contractor Details (if applicable):NE Youth

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)

Funding to support this proposal is affordable within the 2022/23 CURV budget.

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

None arising

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Full equality and diversity policies are in place from the provider

Human Rights Implications:

Non known

Sustainability Implications:

Future sustainability will be investigated as this process progresses

Risk Management Implications:

Managed through performance frameworks and reporting mechanisms in grant agreement

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

Signed



Date 06.03.2023

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed



Date 07.03.2023