



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For the Police and Crime Commissioner to approve funding to support the delivery of a Street Games – Sports Audit.

**Title:** CURV Serious Violence Fund – Street Games specialist Research and Analysis Services.

### 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.

Sports based interventions are classified by the YEF toolkit as 'high impact', offering both:

- A means to introduce sport to 'at risk' cohorts as a protective factor against involvement in, or victimisation of, serious violence.
- An engagement tool to facilitate the delivery of other evidence-based interventions.

Street Games offer a proven, specialist research and analysis service in which provision of sporting opportunities is mapped and graded in relation to its suitability for one of the above intervention types. The analysis offers a standardised approach, and technological tool, to visualise and compare existing provision against the distribution of risk factors and presence of serious violence activity. When used in combination with the CURV's Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) it provides a mechanism to maximise the impact and targeting of future sports-based interventions. Such analysis is beyond the current capabilities and resources of the OPCC and represents an extreme level of niche provision.

With CURV already approaching the end of the first year, and with Cleveland experiencing some of the highest levels of Police recorded knife crime and hospital admissions for sharp object assaults, there is an urgency associated with the need to implement tried and tested, Home Office approved interventions that will contribute to the continued rise in knife crime and admissions, and in the longer term contribute to their reduction as part of a wider suite of interventions, collaboratively developed through the CURV partnership.

The Street Games analysis is therefore a time critical priority to extend and amplify the potential for the insights from the SNA and ensure that future sports based interventions can be commissioned and managed in year 2 in a data-driven, evidence-based manor. Once approved, the analysis can be completed and delivered within Q1 of year 2, which maximises its potential to shape both year 2 sports intervention targeting and delivery, and the shaping of effective performance and evaluation metrics for any projects commissioned.

At a local level, preventing, reducing, and tackling serious violence is a key priority in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

The performance against any funding agreements will be monitored and evaluated by CURV and its contracted evaluation partner alongside the enhanced evaluation conducted by the Home Office.

**Decision:**

That the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the allocation of funding from the CURV budget to the value of £13,500.00, broken down across two financial years as follows:

- 2022/2023: £4,455.00
- 2023/2024: £9,045.00

**OPCC Lead Officer:** John Holden, Head of CURV

**Contractor Details (if applicable):**

StreetGames UK, Charity No: 1113542

**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 affordable within the CURV budget.

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

None arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The funding will support the goal of targeting CURV resources towards delivery of an equitable spread of sports-based interventions to those most at risk of being involved in, or impacted by, serious violence across the whole of the Cleveland.

Human Rights Implications:


None identified.

Sustainability Implications:

The specialist research and analysis will set a baseline level of existing community sports provision across Cleveland. The analysis and mapping tool created will support future commissioning/grant funding opportunities.

Risk Management Implications:

Street Games are a specialist provider of research and analysis services currently used by VRU’s, including the data and analysis leads for the VRU network. Service delivery specifications and timelines for delivery are included in the proposal and additional documentation required, to be incorporated in the grant agreement.

**OFFICER APPROVAL**  
**Monitoring Officer:**  
Signed  Date 17.03.2023

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

Signed

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Date 17.03.2023