



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval
Title: CURV Community Knife Crime Education Fund
Executive Summary: <p>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).</p> <p>A reduction of knife/weapon enabled offences and hospital admissions is a key priority for CURV. All interventions commissioned, funded or partnered by CURV seek to help reduce these figures which currently account for 22% of all serious violence offences across Cleveland. As part of this priority, CURV has routinely funded interventions that directly engage with young people.</p> <p>After funding a number of short-term interventions in its first year, CURV commissioned and match funded a number of partner interventions in 2023, which will continue to the end of March 2025 and will act as the partnership's main pilots. Most of these will be evaluated to determine 'what works' and to demonstrate their effectiveness in contributing to the reduction of serious violence – including knife crime. However, with the natural conclusion of CURV's main knife education pilot intervention, there will be a gap in the provision of any specific knife crime education programmes within CURV's portfolio of funded interventions, and with the latest youth survey highlighting that 6% of young people indicate that they have carried a knife supported by previous analysis which highlights that this trend starts as early as primary school, there is a requirement to continue piloting such interventions.</p> <p>The primary measures of success are for VRUs to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>Although violent offences involving knives or sharp instruments have reduced by 10% compared to the previous year, Cleveland ranks high among the top ten local areas for police recorded knife crime and hospital admissions for knife sharp object assault, so CURV will continue to fund activities that seek to reduce these metrics.</p> <p>In June 2024 CURV launched a Community Knife Crime Education Fund, to enable local charitable or voluntary community sector organisations to access a one-off grant that works towards reducing knife crime amongst young people by delivering against the following outcomes:</p>

- Helping young people understand the potential consequences of picking up a knife.
- Supporting young people to make better choices if they ever consider picking up a knife.
- Providing young people with tools on what to do if they know someone is carrying a knife

Such interventions should.

- Effectively engage with the Under-24s but not excluding adults
- Steer young people away from serious violence, crime, or potential harm

As detailed in the funding application form, preference would be given to applicants that are able to prioritise delivery within catchment areas, which mirror Cleveland Police hotspot areas.

In addition, CURV also invited bids for projects that provide a 'stand based' knife crime reduction awareness session for year 6 pupils during Hartlepool's 'Crucial Crew' programme that will run from the 7th – 18th October 2024.

Following the application deadline, on 1st July 2024 a small panel comprising of the PCC and representatives from the OPCC, Victim Care and Advice Service, Youth Advisory Group and Voluntary Community Sector came together to review applications and decide on the successful bids.

There were two applications where there was a declared conflict of interest with the PCC, who recused himself in advance of the decision-making process. The remaining panel (as listed above) approved one of the applications and rejected the other. The declared conflicts of interest were recorded, and the successful application is highlighted below.

The panel approved the following funding applications:

Name	Intervention	Target Area	Cost
St Johns Ambulance	Young Responders /Crucial Crew	All areas -Hartlepool crucial crew	£9,990
Connor Brown Trust	Knife Crime educational workshops	Hartlepool	£9,825
The Junction Foundation	Youth advisory group knife crime awareness film/video	Middlesbrough	£5,658.81
Education training collective	Knife Crime education for students including lived experience work	Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton/Billingham	£5,000
Ubunto Multi cultural centre	Tackling the consequences of Knife crime – *The PCC recused himself from this application due to a declared conflict of interest.	Middlesbrough	£9,526.19

Decision: To approve the allocation of funding from the CURV budget 2024/25 of £40,000 to the five successful applicants (as above) to support the delivery of knife crime education interventions.

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Contractor Details (if applicable):

St John Ambulance

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The Junction Foundation

The Junction Foundation
 Westfield Farm,
 The Green,
 Dormanstown,
 Redcar
 TS10 5NA

Education Training Collective,

Harvard Avenue, Thornaby,
 Stockton-on-Tees
 TS17 6FB
 01642 777198

Ubuntu Multi Cultural Centre CIC

36 BARNABY AVENUE,
 MIDDLESBROUGH
 TS5 4ET

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 is available within the approved CURV budget for 2024/25 underpinned by agreed Grant Funding from the Home Office. This proposal is therefore affordable to the PCC.

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

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Full equality and diversity policies are required and will be in place from the providers
This service is available to clients from all backgrounds, including, gender, race, sexuality, disability status and age groups. They all will receive equal access to the process .

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Future sustainability will be investigated as this process progresses. Exit strategies are required as part of the application process.

Risk Management Implications:

Managed through performance frameworks and reporting mechanisms in all agreements.

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Monitoring Officer:

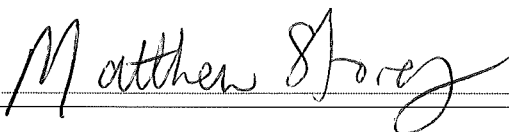
Signed



Date 23.07.24

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed



Date 24/7/24