



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval

Title CURV Serious Violence Duty Funding – Night-Time Economy (NTE)

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 3 years. This resulted in the establishment of the 'Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence' (CURV), which was tasked with bringing together all partners and stakeholders to develop and deliver an intelligence led strategy aimed at reducing serious violence throughout Cleveland through a Public Health agenda.

In 2022, the Serious Violence Duty was introduced through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, which requires specified authorities to work together to plan and prevent and reduce serious violence within the local government area.

As part of this work, CURV commissioned Crest Advisory to undertake a [Strategic Needs Assessment \(SNA\)](#) outlining the scale, nature, and drivers of serious violence in Cleveland and which was updated further in 2024. The SNA identified that rates of serious violence offending are highest on the weekend, particularly in the evening and early morning, potentially aligning with peaks in the night-time economy and geographical zones. In order to further understand this, CURV commissioned a bespoke [Night Time Economy Problem Profile](#) that provided a more in-depth understanding of the causes and drivers of serious violence within the NTE, and which allowed the development of a NTE Action Plan, which focused on reducing incidents of serious violence within and around those NTE zones.

The interventions were approved after consultation with key NTE stakeholders, who have attended a series of workshops and forums facilitated and delivered by CURV during late 2023 and are in line with the NTE Action Plan. The Funding, totalling, £630.00, will enable the following:

1) Teesside University

CURV will match fund a bleed cabinet to be placed at the centre of the Teesside University Campus. This will be open to use of the wider community, particularly those using or working within the NTE.

2) Professional Witness Service (Safer Communities)

CURV previously funded Ask for Angela campaigns and training for licensed premise staff, alongside safeguarding training, anti-spiking resources and drink testing strips. In order to

evaluate the response of licensed premises and the use of these resources, CURV will commission the Professional Witness Service to carry out intelligence-led work in the NTE.

This will be a pilot before expanding to other areas in the future. We are exploring the idea of a news piece around this.

Decision:

- **Teesside University** - To approve funding of £255.00 for Financial Year 2024/25.
- **Professional Witness Service** - To approve funding of £375.00 for Financial Year 2024/25.

Total: £630.00

OPCC Lead Officer: Anna Waddington

Contractor Details (if applicable):

AS ABOVE.

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 proposal is affordable from the funding provided to the PCC from the Serious Violence Duty and CURV budget and 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:

The services are available to clients from all backgrounds, including, gender, race, sexuality, disability status and age groups. They all will receive equal access to the programmes in the identified areas. Some measures will ensure that vulnerable individuals are given the appropriate care in NTE settings.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Interventions will be monitored and reviewed by CURV to inform future commissioning/ grant funding opportunities.

Risk Management Implications:

Any risk minimised and mitigated by performance framework requirements in grant agreements which will include full insurance documents, safeguarding policies and working practice.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

Signed



Date 25.11.2024

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed



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