



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

Title: Cleveland Divert Grant Arrangements (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2029)

Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has funded the Cleveland Divert adult deferred prosecution service since its inception in 2018.

Previously, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company delivered Divert prior to the national reunification of Probation Service in 2021. Probation Service North-East absorbed the existing grant arrangements and continued delivery.

As part of the local reducing re-offending strategy, Cleveland Divert was commissioned to work with first-time offenders and those who have not offended within the previous six-month period.

It aims to engage individuals into effective support services to address the underlying causes related to their offending behaviour and identified needs (for example, support with mental health or reducing substance misuse).

To inform future commissioning intentions, during 2024 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) undertook a review of all commissioned services – including Cleveland Divert.

The review concluded that the Provider was delivering a high-quality service and the scheme continued to support the PCC priorities in reducing re-offending. Cleveland Divert has a reoffending rate of 4.7% in comparison to Cleveland's proven reoffending rate of 32.9% (England and Wales rate: 25.4%).

Furthermore, it was acknowledged that Cleveland Divert would play a key role in supporting Cleveland Police with the implementation of the Two-Tier Out-of-Court-Resolution (OoCR) Framework and increasing the local use of OoCR's.

Following consideration of the review findings, the PCC agreed to renew grant arrangements with Probation Service North-East to continue the delivery of Cleveland Divert for a four-year period (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2029).

Decision:

To approve issuing new grant agreements to Probation Service North-East to continue the delivery of Cleveland Divert for a further four years (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2029).

Financial Breakdown by Year:

Year 1 (April 2025 – March 2026): £219,300.00*

Year 2 (April 2026 – March 2027): £223,700.00

Year 3 (April 2027 – March 2028): £228,194.00

Year 4 (April 2028 – March 2029): £228,194.00**

*The OPCC aims to commission an independent evaluation of Divert in Year One of the grant agreement. Monies will be awarded from the overall grant value and agreed with Probation Service North-East.

**Year 4's budget is an indicative budget at this time. This will be reviewed with The Provider over the delivery of the grant to ensure that the service can be delivered within the financial envelope against any future increases in costs (for example, price rises with utilities).

OPCC Lead Officer: Chris Guttridge

Contractor Details (if applicable): Probation Service North-East

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 in line with the planning assumptions within the previously agreed financial plans that were approved in February 2024. The costs outlined within this decision record form are affordable to the PCC and will be built into the updated financial plans.

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

There are no legal implications arising. As set out in s143 Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the PCC has grant making powers to reduce crime and disorder, including re-offending in their local area.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

An Equality Impact Assessment was completed prior to the commissioning review commencing.

Human Rights Implications:

There are no Human Rights implications.

Sustainability Implications:

This four year grant agreement will support the OPCC with exploring all sustainability options for Cleveland Divert from 1st April 2029.

Risk Management Implications:

None arising.

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 11.12.2024

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 16/12/2024