



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

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

**Title:** CURV Knife Crime Action Fund

Violence Reduction Units (VRU's) are established to provide leadership and strategic coordination in addressing serious violence. Cleveland's VRU known locally as CURV – Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence - aims to achieve this by strengthening partnerships, engaging with communities, and ensuring that specified authorities, partners, and key stakeholders work collaboratively. The goal is to enable individuals, families, and communities to live, learn, and work in Cleveland free from the fear, effects, and consequences of serious violence. CURV will adopt a whole-system, public health approach, prioritising activity against a set of key performance indicators across all age groups, with a particular focus on those aged under 25. These indicators include:

- Reductions in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object
- Reduction in Knife enabled offences
- Reduction in all non-domestic homicides

CURV is committed to tackling knife and weapon-enabled crime, particularly among young people. CURV leads efforts to reduce the harm and devastation caused by knife crime through a comprehensive Knife Crime Action Plan. This plan adopts a multi-agency approach and is delivered in partnership with organisations across Cleveland.

The numbers of young people (aged 24 and under) involved in knife crime continue to remain high, highlighting the need for continued enforcement, education, and community engagement through a sustained and coordinated approach to protect young people and prevent violence.

To support delivery of the Knife Crime Action Plan, CURV launched the Knife Crime Action Fund on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. A total budget of £80,000 has been allocated to support local charitable and voluntary organisations aimed at reducing knife crime across Cleveland by supporting community-based interventions that deliver against the following outcomes:

- Raise awareness of the consequences of carrying or using a knife
- Empower young people to make safer, informed choices
- Divert young people from violence, crime, or harm
- Equip young people with the confidence to act if they know someone is carrying a knife
- Engage effectively with under-24s, while not excluding adults
- Support parents and families to strengthen relationships, improve communication, and increase awareness of knife crime risks

As detailed in the funding application form, preference was given to applicants able to prioritise delivery within serious violence hotspot areas.

In total, thirty-one (31) bids were submitted by the deadline on 13th June 2025, two of which were removed due to failing to meet essential selection criteria. On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the remaining twenty-nine (29) bids were reviewed by a decision making panel, comprising of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), representatives from CURV, the Victim Care and Advice Service, Probation, and a young person who had previously taken part in one of our Shape Your Safety workshops. The decision panel selected the following successful bids:

Organisation Name	Type of Project	Target Areas (with a focus on Serious Violence Hotspots)	Cost
1) ARC Stockton	Diversionary Activities	All areas (Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, Stockton, Hartlepool)	£12,350 (plus 50% match funding from external partner bringing total funding amount to £24,700)
2) MFC Foundation	Diversionary Activities (Sports: Football) / Education-based knife crime awareness (schools)	All areas (Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, Stockton, Hartlepool)	£14,000
3) Education Training Collective (ETC)	Education-based knife crime awareness (colleges); (VR headsets / lived experience)	Stockton, Redcar & Cleveland	£7,440
4) Billingham Boxing Academy (BBA)	Diversionary Activities (Sports: Boxing) / Education-based knife crime awareness / Parent & Family support	Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool	£17,120.00
5) St. John Ambulance (SJA)	Education-based knife crime awareness (schools & colleges) / Parent & Family support	Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, Hartlepool	£14,242.25
6) Budo for change	Diversionary Activities (Wrestling, MMA and Jiu Jitsu) / Education-based knife crime awareness	Stockton	£13,560

Further details of the successful bids can be found at Appendix A to this decision.

### Decision:

To approve the allocation of funding from the CURV Budget 2025/26, totalling £78,712.25, to the six successful applicants (as listed above) to support the delivery of knife crime education interventions.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Nosheen Hanif

### Contractor Details (if applicable):

**The Arc Stockton,**  
Dovecot Street,  
Stockton-On-Tees,  
TS18 1LL

**MFC Foundation,**  
Willie Maddren Centre,  
Riverside Stadium,  
Middlesbrough,

TS3 6RS

**Education Training Collective (ETC),**

Harvard Avenue, Thornaby,  
Stockton-On-Tees,  
TS17 7BF

**Billingham Boxing Academy (BBA)**

Billingham Boxing Academy  
31-35 West Precinct, Billingham, Cleveland  
TS23 2NN

**St John Ambulance,**

27 St John's Lane,  
London,  
EC1M 7BU

**Budo For Change**

45 Cradoc grove  
Stockton-On-Tees  
TS17 5EE

**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 2025/26 underpinned by agreed Grant Funding from the Home Office. This proposal is therefore affordable to the PCC.

One programme as noted in the table above has also been match funded to the value of 50% (£12,350).

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 young people from all backgrounds, including, gender, race, sexuality, disability status and age groups. They all will receive equal access to these projects.

**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.

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Monitoring Officer:**

Signed



Date 16.07.25

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**



Signed

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