



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**Request:** For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

**Title:** Training to increase capability of children's workforce to identify and respond to risky behaviours in children (10-17 years) to prevent escalation of serious harm related to stalking.

**Executive Summary:**

In 2025, Cleveland OPCC coordinated multi-agency discussions with partners to explore the local response of agencies to stalking across Cleveland. As part of these discussions, forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHs) provided case studies and research highlighting missed opportunities across key agencies. The significance of identifying risky attitudes and behaviours in children as early as possible to prevent the escalation of seriously harmful behaviour - including serious harm and homicides between children, in the context of stalking incidents is critical.

Discussions revealed a significant gap in awareness, knowledge and response from key agencies working with children including, Youth Justice Service, Schools, Children's Services and others with a role in contributing to prevention, through increased awareness and earlier identification to facilitate necessary referrals to prevention panels, and the need to increase workforce capability to respond at the earliest opportunity therefore contributing to opportunities for prevention.

A training package, to be delivered to a range of agencies working with children between 10-17 years will be delivered in partnership between Alice Ruggles Trust and Forensic CAMHs to provide both awareness raising (identification) and referral response pathways (response).

A one-day training event will be offered across two available dates in March 2026 to a maximum of 160 practitioners across Cleveland's children's workforce. This will increase the capability of the workforce to support those children identified as presenting a risk of serious harm and will support referrals to prevention panels, including supporting the ability for young people to be referred onwards to appropriate services.

By improving early identification, intervention and coordinated support, this work directly contributes to the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities to improve safety for women and girls and to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and harm across our communities.

**Decision:** To approve up to £8,500 funding from the Prevention Partnership budget to support the delivery of x2 training days as outlined above.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Tracey Brittain

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Alive Ruggles Trust (charity number 1186309)

**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"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

### Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The cost within this revised decision is still with the 'Ring fenced' funding that has been provided for use in this matter 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:

None arising.

Human Rights Implications:

None arise.

Sustainability Implications:

This is one-off funding with no continuing commitment.

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 27.03.26

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed

Date 30.03.2026