

Briefing for Police and Crime Commissioner

Topic: Durham Agency against Crime

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Purpose of briefing

To describe one of the organisations supported by the OPCVC.

Background

Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC) is a charity, closely aligned to Durham Constabulary. Formed in 1990, DAAC works in partnership with public, voluntary, and private sector partners to make County Durham and Darlington a safer place to work, live and invest. DAAC delivers innovative projects and initiatives for young people with the aim of facilitating long term change by educating and challenging behaviour.

Current Issues

DAAC occupy the first floor of the former Chester-Le-Street magistrate courts. The Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) facility was relocated to the ground floor after extensive refurbishment of the facility with PCVC and partner contributions. The fit between the DAAC and SARC occupying the same premises is being considered by the OPCVC and Constabulary. The future location of DAAC is an issue for consideration.

Decisions Needed

The level of PCVC funding contributions from 2021/22 onwards. The PCVC contributed to the mini police scheme and the general running costs of DAAC. For 2021/22 the funding has been consolidated into a single sum towards the Mini Police Project.

Partnership Involvement

The HAGGRID project provides an income stream for DAAC from schools in the force area seeking to help their students develop personal skills, facilitate informed choice, build confidence, and increase self-worth. The activities are designed to help these young people to feel better about themselves and become more integrated into their community.

Police Involvement

The Constabulary fund several posts in DAAC and a cohort of apprentices.

People to Meet

The DAAC Executive Manager and the team in the premises at Chester-Le-Street.