

## THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:**

**Title:** Provision of £20,000 to County Durham Youth Offending Service to part-fund nurse

**Summary:** The PCVC has decided to allocate £20,000 to the County Durham Youth Offending Service as part of a co-commissioning solution to meet the health needs of young people presenting to the Youth Offending Service. Young people who offend are usually some of the most vulnerable in society. They often have health issues and yet do not access mainstream health services. There is evidence that shows that improving health can help to reduce reoffending. The sorts of issues which young people who offend often have include poor mental health, sexual health needs, Speech, Language and Communication needs, and substance misuse.

Prior to December 2016, a nursing service was provided to the YOS through a contract between the Durham CCGs and Harrogate Foundation Trust. This means that there is a gap in service as young people's health needs will not be properly assessed and support given. Following the termination of the relevant members of staff, partners have come together to find a solution, including Durham County Council, Durham Public Health, the OPCVC, the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England. As part of the solution, the PCVC is contributing £20,000 to fund nursing provision which is being co-funded by Public Health. This funding is for two years and will be reviewed.

Performance will be monitored through the County Durham Youth Offending Service Board.

This decision is taken in line with the PCVC's strategy to invest resources upstream to help prevent problems from escalating and becoming more expensive to solve. If we can reduce offending by young people, this is likely both to improve their life chances and to reduce demand long term on the police and other public services.

**Decision:** The PCVC has decided to allocate £20,000 to the County Durham Youth Offending Service as part of a co-commissioning solution to meet the health needs of young people presenting to the Youth Offending Service.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Alan Reiss

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** N/A

**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"/>	
Consultation	<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 CFO where the decision has financial implications)

£20,000 secured from Community Safety Fund.

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

No specific legal implications

Equality and Diversity Implications

No specific equality and diversity implications

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications

Consultations

Consultation took place Durham County Council, Durham Public Health, the OPCVC, the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England.

### OFFICER APPROVAL

#### Chief Executive

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.

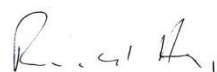
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Date: 11/05/17

### Police and Crime Commissioner:

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