

Kent Police & Crime Commissioner

Commissioning Plan 19/20

Strategic Overview

Administration

- Implementation of an overall funding / contracts register that is accessible to all staff in Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), which lists all organisations funded, dates funded, project and amount funded including a brief comment as to why funding was discontinued where necessary. This register will also keep a track of active funding applications and queries.
- The grant terms and conditions will be consistent for all services, projects or initiatives funded and will be issued at application and or grant offer stage depending on the funding stream.
- Revision of the grant terms and conditions to include additional requirements such as:
 - Clarification on the use of the PCC's logo and requirement of its removal from communications and literature once funding ceases
 - Stipulation that no more than 10% of the funding requested should be allocated to core costs
 - That in applying and accepting any subsequent grant offer they are automatically accepting the conditions of the grant
 - A financial assessment will form part of the application process, which includes consideration of turnover vs value of the grant
 - Improve the requirement for a complaints process and the reporting of serious incidents
 - Refresh and enhance the conditions related to Safeguarding / Child Sexual Exploitation / Mental Health / Substance Abuse / Extremism and Radicalisation / Modern Day Slavery Statement
 - Requirement to notify, in advance, of any changes to business structures e.g. selling part of company / subcontracting
 - Inclusion of the right for the OPCC to undertake ad hoc process audits to ensure compliance with grant conditions and/or effectiveness of service delivery
 - For commissioned victim services there will be a specific condition requiring their services to provide support to victims or immediate family members who are involved or affected by a major incident.

1. Crime Reduction Grant

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)

- Will receive the same funding amount as 18/19.
- Focus will be on delivering projects aligned to the Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC).
- Business cases must be submitted prior to the 15 March 2019, with spend being approved by the PCC prior to the funding being released.
- One third of the overall funding can be allocated to a tactical pot to deliver responsive projects aligned to the VRC throughout the year. The PCC will approve spend on these projects on submission of a business case.
- Projected outcomes to be achieved must be included in the business case. Monitoring of the projects funded will then be required in early 2020.
- The PCC reserves the right, if on review of the business cases or tactical pot projects it is identified there is an overlap across multiple CSP areas or the same providers are being funded to deliver similar projects, that funding may be retained by the OPCC. The PCC will then fund the project or provider directly to ensure consistency of approach and value for money.

Third Parties (Youth Offending, Drug & Alcohol Action Teams etc.)

- Will receive the same level of funding as 18/19.
- Engagement will be undertaken with Kent Police to establish whether they would like a particular area of focus from those organisations funded e.g. how the funding can be used to direct change, improve working practices or respond to particular areas of need.

- Organisations will be asked to consider how they can support VRC when allocating the PCC's grant to projects.
- Business cases must be submitted by 15 March 2019, with spend being approved by the PCC prior to the funding being released.
- The tactical pot element available for 18/19 will be removed as not utilised during that financial year.
- Projected outcomes to be achieved must be included in the business case. Monitoring of the projects funded will then be required in early 2020.
- There will be greater engagement and scrutiny on delivery and spend from the OPCC.

Other

- National Ugly Mugs campaign - ending violence against sex workers

2. Mental Health Support Projects – Grant Agreements / Arrangements

The following providers will continue to be funded during 2019/20 based on the funding levels contained within their current agreements.

Grant Agreements / arrangements will be re-issued where extensions are provided and this will include the reporting requirements for each project. However, reporting will be undertaken quarterly as a minimum. 2019/20 will be the final year of funding for these projects.

- **FCR MIND Workers** - grant commenced on 1 October 2018 for 1 year. Potential for a 6 month extension to 31 March 2020 depending on performance and Kent Police's requirements.
- **Maidstone & Mid Kent MIND Crisis Café** - grant commenced on 1 October 2018 for 1 year to 30 September 2019. Potential for 6 month extension to 31 March 2020, depending on performance and delivery.
- **West Kent MIND Crisis Café** - grant commenced on 1 October 2018 for 1 year to 30 September 2020. Potential for a 6 month extension, to 31 March 2020 depending on performance and delivery.
- **Safe Haven Bus Medway** - grant commenced on 1 April 2018 for 1 year to 31 March 2019. Grant extension to be offered from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, subject to completion of satisfactory monitoring. The grant to be paid directly to Medway Street Pastors for 19/20.

3. Mental Health & Policing Fund

The organisations who were successful in obtaining funding during 18/19 will be offered a continuation grant for 19/20. This offer is subject to the completion of satisfactory monitoring and will be at the same level of funding they received during 18/19.

19/20 will be the last year that the Mental Health & Policing Fund will be available and organisations will be made aware that they need to explore alternative funding options from 1 April 2020.

Payment will be made in two equal instalments, the first on submission of year-end monitoring for 18/19 and the second at the mid-year point. There will also be a requirement to submit year-end monitoring in April 2020.

4. Safer in Kent Fund

This fund will not run during 19/20.

Organisations in receipt of funding during 18/19 will be notified in early 2019 that this fund will not be available beyond 31 March 2019 and they will need to consider alternative funding sources for their projects.

5. Victim Specialist Services (VSS) Fund

Applications will be invited from services supporting victims to apply from a maximum of £50,000 per project. Where possible bidders should ensure that delivery of the service covers Kent and Medway. Bids will be accepted for projects focused on district-based delivery but this should be reflected in the total amount of funding requested.

Bids must demonstrate how they meet the VSS criteria:

- Meet the support needs of victims or, as appropriate, family members and act in their interests;
- Be free of charge and confidential;
- Be non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality or citizenship);
- Be available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police;
- Be available before, during and for an appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings;
- Demonstrate collaborative working with other providers to ensure joined up service delivery and referral pathways;
- Demonstrate innovative and evidence based working practices;
- Show an understanding and ability to respond to emerging trends, crime types and new working practices; and
- Deliver clear outcome reporting.

Bids that overlap with existing services directly commissioned by the PCC, or where services are being commissioned by another agency but the PCC provides funding towards, will not be supported.

The VSS will be open for applications on 21 January 2019 to enable services to go live on 1st April 2019 but no later than 30 April 2019. The closing date for applications is 12pm on 22 February 2019, with bidders being notified of the outcome no later than 25 March 2019.

Payment will be made in two equal instalments, the first on approval of the funding application and the second at the mid-year point. There will also be a requirement to submit mid-year and year end monitoring.

Other Victim Services Funding

- **Brake** - the road safety charity
- **Domestic Homicide Reviews**
- **Kent County Council Integrated Domestic Abuse Service**

6. Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC)

To support the delivery of the PCC's VRC a bespoke funding pot will be made available to support projects identified through the recommendations made by the VRC. The projects will align to the four themes of the VRC:

- Prevention
- Engagement / Education
- Enforcement
- Rehabilitation

The application and approval process will need to be defined in 19/20. However, to ensure consistency of funding processes it will likely follow the VSS format. This fund will either be open throughout 19/20 for applications to be made by eligible projects or run as a one-off funding round.

Projects confirmed for funding

- **St Giles Trust** - County Lines Project
- **Victim Support Innovation Fund** - will focus on supporting victims affected by violent crime

7. Commissioned Services

Core Victim Referral and Support Service

This contract is awarded to Victim Support and delivery commenced on 1 April 2016. This is a 3 year contract with the option to extend for a further 3 years on a yearly basis. A 1 year extension has been granted from 1 April 2019. A decision to be taken on a further 1 year extension in the autumn of 2019.

Restorative Justice Service

This contract is awarded to Restorative Solutions and delivery commenced on 1 October 2019. This is a 3 year contract, with the option to extend for a further 3 years on a yearly basis. A decision to be taken on offering a 1 year extension to be taken in October 2020.

Independent Sexual Violence Adviser & Sexual Violence Support Service

This contract is awarded to Family Matters and delivery commences on 1 April 2019 for 3 years, with the option to extend for a further 3 years on a yearly basis. A decision to be taken on offering 1 year extension to be taken in autumn 2022.

8. Preventative & Engagement Projects

Grant Funded Projects

- **Amelix 'Is it worth it' School Tours** - 1 year grant from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019. Decision will be taken in July 2019 as to whether the grant will be extended for a further 12 months from 1 October 2019.

9. Funding Opportunities

The OPCC will pro-actively seek opportunities to secure additional funding to deliver services, projects or initiatives that support the PCC's priorities. This may include developing joint bids and working with other partners who have access to wider funding sources.

Horizon scanning for central government funding opportunities during 19/20 will also be undertaken. This will include, but not be limited to, considering the options for a partnership bid to the Youth Endowment Fund.

10. Building Capacity and Capability

The victim services grant from the Ministry of Justice includes the ability to build capacity and capability with providers. The aim being that this will support quality service delivery, improved funding applications and outcome reporting. The OPCC will consider options to support this work during 19/20. Investment in this area may also support providers in securing funding from other sources to deliver which will increase the availability of services.