



**Derbyshire
Police and Crime
Commissioner**

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I write in connection with your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and received in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on 25/10/2023 when you asked the following question(s):

What is the Police and Crime Commissioner currently doing to combat knife crime?

Please supply details of current initiatives.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire holds the information that you have asked for.

In answer to your request please see the following:

“In January this year, the Commissioner secured funding from the Home Office worth more than £1million to tackle serious violence, including knife crime, until March 2025. This funding has been used to create Derbyshire’s first ever Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to address the root causes of serious violence and prevent further offending.

In addition to the newly created VRU, the Commissioner’s office has funded over £160,000 worth of interventions aimed at preventing serious violence offending, which includes knife crime, across Derby and Derbyshire. These measures began earlier in summer and include intensive mentoring support for young people identified as either at risk of involvement in violence or who have committed a violent act/offence. A specific programme aimed at addressing conflict/aggression within families and education and awareness workshops which are to be delivered in schools and colleges.”

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What has been spent (£) on these initiatives?

Please supply figures for the past five years (calendar or financial) -- from 2018 to the present.

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In answer to your request please see the following:

FOI for Knife Crime	Time Period	Value (£)
Knife Angel (City and County)	2019-2020	£10,000
Early Intervention Youth Fund (City Only) Programmes Included were the following: Your Choice Programme, Saltmine Production, Drop the Knife, Mentoring, Sporting Communities, Mash Up	2019-2020	£90,000
Bleed Kits (City only)	2020-2021	£2,250
Funding for 20 Bleed Control Kits	2021-2022	£1,834
Serious Violence interventions* - Intensive Mentoring and Educational Workshops	2023-2024	£160,000
Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)**	2023-2024	£180,000
Total		£444,084

*Please note, these interventions which have been commissioned, are to prevent serious violence offending including knife crime across Derby and Derbyshire. This is forecasted expenditure until the end of March 2024.

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If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, under Section 17 of the FOIA of the FOIA you are entitled to ask for an internal review of our decision. Any internal review needs to be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and state why you are unhappy with the response. You can submit an internal review in the following ways:

- * emailing the OPCC Inbox –
PCCOffice@Derbyshire.PNN.Police.UK or;
- * writing to the OPCC at –
The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
Butterley Hall
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By phone – 0300 122 6000 (as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review under Section 50 of the FOIA you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal



review procedure provided by the OPCC. You can contact the ICO in the following ways:

- * online at the ICO –
<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or;
- * writing to the ICO at –
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Romano', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marie Romano
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On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner

