

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision

**Received in OPCC
Date: MARCH 2024**

OPCC Ref: DN50-24

Serious Violence Funding

The Home Office has allocated grant funding for each police force area to cover the work required for partners to deliver the Serious Violence Duty. The duty requires specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence (set out in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and accompanying statutory guidance).

The purpose of the Serious Violence Duty grant funding is to enable local policing bodies to assist the specified and relevant authorities with delivering the duty.

Since the publication of the Serious Violence Strategy in 2018, the Government have delivered an ambitious set of programmes to tackle serious violence across England and Wales. To reinforce this work to date, the new Serious Violence Duty has been introduced through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022.

The Serious Violence Duty places a legal obligation on specific organisations to plan and collaborate to prevent and reduce serious violence. The PCSC Act creates powers for PCC's to convene and assist the specified authorities in the exercise of their functions under the Duty, and monitor their exercise of those functions. PCCs have a highly important role to play in convening partner agencies and are responsible for the totality of policing in their area.

As a result, the Government has channelled funding for the Serious Violence Duty through PCCs to coordinate the local area's response to delivering the Duty and strengthen their role created under the Act.

This programme is being led by the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Derbyshire with support from key partners involved in implementing the Serious Violence duty.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire invited expressions of interest in the delivery of pilot interventions towards the Serious Violence Duty, aimed at keeping young people safe from harm and reduce re-offending through the provision of a diversionary, educational and mentoring activities. A significant part of the funding has also supported the development of a fully staffed Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) for Derbyshire.

Decision

Approved

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date 28 March 2024

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes/No

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred **No**

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Name Andrew Dale

Date 28 March 2024