

Expression of Interest – Serious Violence Duty funding

Introduction

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire wishes to invite 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 diversionary, educational and mentoring activities.

Background

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 PCCs 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.

Scope of Programme (Intervention)

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.

We are inviting proposals for a range of interventions for targeted recipients at risk of engaging in violence or who have already offended. We aim to equip participants with alternative ways of dealing with violence and conflict. The following kinds of project/service will be considered but are not limited to:

- Trauma-informed prevention and or therapeutic work – one to one and or groupwork that reduces the trauma that young people/and or adults have experienced through violence and abuse.
- Bystander training – to selected at risk young people e.g., within primary and secondary schools across Derbyshire.

- Outreach services - focused primarily at targeting vulnerable young people or engaging with those who are at risk of involvement in violence.
- Intensive Mentoring Programmes - specific support be given to identified high risk young people e.g., transitioning between primary and secondary schools across Derbyshire.
- Educational & awareness sessions - for clients, parents and professionals; debunk myths and stereotypes around crime, weapons, gangs, and related issues, equip YP's with practical tools and strategies they can use to build resilience to risks such as negative peer pressure and grooming from gangs, encourage YP's to stay engaged in education and positive activities.

Application process

- Please complete the application form located within this document below.
- Proposals will be considered in relation to one specific type of project or as a 'bundle' of interventions.
- Applications will be considered from single organisations or Consortia. Where there is more than one provider in the delivery of this service as a single consortium, there will be one named accountable organisation within the consortia for the quality, finance and strategic requirements of this proposal.
- The OPCC expects the interventions to commence as soon as possible but no later than the 1 July 2023. The duration of this initial pilot is to March 2024, however there is anticipated extension up to March 2025 for successful evidence-based outcomes.
- A delivery timetable explaining start up, mobilisation and project delivery will be required in discussion with the OPCC.
- Applications will be assessed and scored based on:
 - Demonstrable experience of delivering innovative projects and interventions in the field of reducing serious violence or similar type of work.
 - Understanding of Derby/Derbyshire and the demographic make-up.
 - Understanding of the key risks and threats caused by serious violence and the local impact.
 - Understanding of the partnership context.
 - Ability to mobilise the projects at pace and deliver to agreed timelines.

- Ability to meet monitoring, financial and performance requirements of the OPCC and Home Office.
- Understanding of how this aligns with Police and Crime Plan priorities.

Funding

There is c£160,000 available in 2023-2024.

Funding will increase in 2024-2025 and depending on successful demonstration of outcomes project extensions will be considered where there is proven success in reducing serious violence, alongside additional work in the second year.

Partnership and Governance

Oversight of this programme will be with the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner. There is an expectation that successful applicants will work collaboratively with Derbyshire Constabulary, in particular with the Serious Violence Lead officers. In addition, there will be a reporting expectation to the Serious Violence Thematic Board which gives partnership oversight to this work as part of the Safe Communities arrangements.

For Further Information

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