

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

Decision Record Number **43/2023**

Title - PHADA Books in Custody Pilot

Executive Summary (This will be published):

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Decision of the PCC

Approved.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 24/11/2023

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

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Date: 24th October 2023

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2. Recommendation(s)

To provide funding of £1000 to purchase books to cover a three month pilot.

3. Background

Books are currently obtained from local charity shops to provide in custody, titles are not pre-selected although violent themes are avoided. This proposed planned approach to the provision of books is directly aimed at trying to reach those who are committing violence and encouraging them to stop and change their behaviour; in addition to wishing to reaching younger males to think of different positive outcomes for their future and providing signposting and links to pathways of support. A list of titles has been produced by the 'Give a Book' charity who currently operate the national scheme 'Books in the Nick' and have a number of years of experience in this field.

Upon release from custody, detainees will be encouraged to take a book home as all books will feature QR codes and telephone numbers for local support services and liaison and diversion contacts.

4. Options

- 1) Fund the pilot book scheme in full and identify impact
- 2) Do not fund the book scheme pilot

- 3) Amend the current scheme to incorporate only books that are designed to assist positive behaviour change (resource and cost implications, plus unknown outcomes)

5. Financial Implications (Seek financial advice from Chief or Deputy Chief or Deputy Chief Finance Officer)

Initial cost of £1000, potential future cost if effective; would require plan and resource to integrate into existing scheme.

6. Legal Implications (Seek advice from Legal Services)

None identified.

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

Safer Communities: through education and support for young people, and reduced harm through sustainable interventions aimed at domestic abuse perpetrators.

8. Equalities Implications (Have due regard to the Public Section Equality Duty)

Serious violence data, and domestic and sexual abuse data in particular, points to interventions that are needed specifically with men, for both support and behaviour change.

9. Consultation

Custody staff, ICV Scheme lead, Give a Book Charity, DA leads and partners via PHADA Board meeting.

10. Media information (Seek advice from Head of Communications)

If reporting in national media, please connect with 'Give a Book' charity who have been supportive in providing guidance on the book titles selected and support other 'Books in the Nick' schemes.

11. Background documents (This will be published if open)

N/A

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered (Data Protection Officer will complete full checklist – see attached)

No personal data will be shared or processed.