

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

Decision Record Number: **13/2021**

Title: **Christina Gabbitas visits to 10x NEL schools**

Executive Summary:

The Force have identified localised need for early intervention in relation to violent offences and, building upon previous investment from the Humberside Early Intervention Programme (HEIP), it is proposed that Christina Gabbitas (with an officer) attend at set locations/schools across North East Lincolnshire to deliver a presentation and activities around the OPCC commissioned No More Knives comic and animation with input focused to knife crime, including elements also of grooming and CCE.

Decision: That visits to 10 targeted schools (across 5 days) in North East Lincolnshire be approved, at a total cost of £2990, to provide an early intervention input in areas that have seen, and that continue to have, a high demand in relation to violent offences.

The cost covers attendance and facilitation of sessions by Christina Gabbitas (accompanied by a PC/PCSO), a copy of the No More Knives comic for each student participating and signposting also to the wider Not In Our Community resource available.

Background Report: Open/Closed (with FOI exemption(s) stated)

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

23/8/2021

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN/CLOSED

Title: Christina Gabbitas visits to 10x NEL schools

Date: 2 August 2021

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. An opportunity has been identified to engage with young people in North East Lincolnshire and deliver activities at schools in relation to knife crime.
- 1.2. This input will target schools in areas of reported concerns and vulnerability and provide targeted early intervention across locations which currently have a high demand in relation to violent offences.
- 1.3. Targeting specific schools across North East Lincolnshire, it is proposed that Christina Gabbitas (with an officer) attend at set locations/schools to deliver a presentation around the OPCC commissioned No More Knives comic and animation with input focused to knife crime linking also to vulnerabilities around grooming and CCE.
- 1.4. The targeted approach will see locations identified (determined by the Force) by reviewing demand, information/intelligence and liaison with schools. The aim is for an early intervention input for areas that have seen and that currently have high demand in relation to violent offences.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the OPCC support the proposal for Christina Gabbitas to facilitate workshops at 10 schools (2 per day, 5 days total) across North East Lincolnshire, based upon targeted need, and including signposting to the wider Not In Our Community resource available.

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2018 the OPCC secured funding from the Home Office for the Humberside Early Intervention Programme (HEIP). A key piece of work from that funding was the No More Knives book, written by Christina Gabbitas at Poems and Pictures Ltd, to help educate children aged 10-16 on the dangers of getting involved with county lines and carrying knives.

- 3.2 In October 2020 with the support of the OPCC (Decision Record 13/2020 refers), the book was turned into an animation.
- 3.3 Now in 2021, working alongside Humberside police who have highlighted an early intervention need in relation to violence using weapons in localised areas, this proposal sees this OPCC commissioned resource utilised to directly feed in and support the Force's work to respond to these demands.
- 3.4 Christina Gabbitas will present sessions as a guest speaker. She'll be accompanied by a PC/PCSO at all sessions to deliver a 'stronger together' message. Sessions will be aimed to predominantly year 6 students.
- 3.5 A copy of the No More Knives comic will be provided to all students taking part in the workshop along with information on NIOC Interact that includes a year 6 pathway featuring the No More Knives animation.
- 3.6 This proposal is evidence based in terms of OCG activities and builds upon the former successful delivery of this project elsewhere in the force.

4. Options

- 1) Do nothing – The Force have identified a need for early intervention for localised areas in relation to violent offences.
- 2) Visit fewer schools/scale back resources provided – the Force will identify 10 schools based upon demand, information/intelligence and liaising with schools. Input will target schools in areas of reported concerns. The resources provided will generate conversations amongst peers and will be taken home for awareness raising across the family setting.
- 3) Fully fund visits to 10 schools across 5 days – the need is targeted and intel-led. It enables early intervention activities to continue in areas of demand whilst the OPCC and Force continue work to develop a Safer Schools offer.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The following quotes have been received;

Attendance (5 days – 10 schools):	
▪ Christina Gabbitas (5 days – 10 schools)	1750.00 (+VAT) (350/day)
▪ Christina Gabbitas (120 miles x 5 @ 0.40 per mile)	240.00
▪ Accompanied by PC/PCSO	-
SUB-TOTAL	1990.00
Materials (for each student) x approx. 600:	
▪ No More Knives comic x 1000 (approx. 400 remaining for future OPCC engagement events) <i>(Provided by Christina Gabbitas)</i>	1000.00
SUB-TOTAL	1000.00
TOTAL	2,990.00 (not inc. VAT)

6. Legal Implications

6.1 None.

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

7.1 These sessions support;

- 1) The building of resilient communities and protecting vulnerable people and meaningful engagement, and
- 2) Work with partners to divert youths away from crime and antisocial behaviour.

8. Equalities Implications

8.1 None identified.

9. Consultation

9.1 None required at this time.

10. Media information

10.1 Not required.

11. Background documents

11.1 None.

12. Publication

12.1 Open

PLEASE COMPLETE AND APPEND THE FOLLOWING TABLE TO ALL REPORTS THAT REQUIRE A DECISION FROM THE COMMISSIONER

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report. If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, OPCC officer(s) etc. prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
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Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget?	CEO approved
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Detailed within options
The report is approved by the relevant Chief Officer	CEO approved
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have liaised with Corporate Communications on any communications issues	N/A
I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	N/A
I have included any equalities, diversity and or human rights implications within the report	N/A
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	None identified
I have included information about how this report contributes to the delivery of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan	Yes

