

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

Decision Record Number: **15/2021**

Title: HOOPS Diversion Scheme Combined Funding Arrangement.

Executive Summary:

Humberside police have delivered a Home Office funded diversion scheme pilot from Birchin Way, in relation to Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC). This has been delivered specifically for North East Lincolnshire. The Home Office funding is due to end, as such Humberside OPCC identified opportunities for additional partnership funding via Yorkshire and Humber Rehabilitation Partnership (YaTH) and Public Health England (PHE), to provide sustainability, extend and develop the programme and increase the learning for future commissioning.

It is proposed that Humberside OPCC combine these two funding streams and continue to fund the existing provider (Wizer CiC) for a further 12 months. Humberside OPCC will manage the grant in partnership with Humberside Police, National Probation and the North East Lincolnshire Public Health team, in addition to providing financial administration and strategic support for key delivery partners, such as Public Health, National Probation service and Humberside Police.

Decision:

That combining of two external funding streams and grant management of HOOPS diversion activity in North East Lincolnshire with key partners will be approved, at a total cost of £32,000.

The cost covers 12 months of a full time diversion 'navigator' and some facilitation of sessions by a peer recovery worker with lived experience. Both are employed by Wizer CiC. Diversion pathways are established with key education training and employment providers, Franklin College and National Probation Service.

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 17 August 2021



**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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Date: August 2021

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. Over half of prison leavers go on to commit further offences within 12 months of release. Prison leavers wanting to turn away from crime face an uphill battle to secure sustainable housing and entry onto the employment ladder. A high proportion have underlying mental health or behavioural issues and a lack of education and suitable qualifications.
- 1.2. An opportunity has been identified to engage with offenders in North East Lincolnshire and deliver diversion pathways in relation to serious acquisitive crime (SAC), diverting individuals into education, training and employment. This is a Home Office funded pilot called HOOPS.
- 1.3. Humberside OPCC successfully applied for funding into The Yorkshire and Humber Rehabilitation Partnership (YaTH) and Public Health England (PHE), to extend and develop the above opportunity in collaboration with health and justice colleagues.
- 1.4. This additional funding provides opportunity for extension of service from the previous pilot, with the same service provider, offering enhanced support, guidance and advocacy to assist individuals into sustainable lifestyles and employment, encouraging service users to refrain from returning to criminal pathways.
- 1.5. We are now in a position to develop the service to offer a peer led approach, creating a new navigator role to act as a guide and facilitator. This will support individuals identified by police and probation officers to reduce criminogenic needs. The provider (Wizer CiC) has a track record of the previous 12 months delivery within North East Lincolnshire and an ethos of engagement, strengthened through employment of people with lived experience.

- 1.6. The ultimate outcome is for a reduction in offending, having addressed and overcome criminogenic needs, participants will gain employment or be ready for work, positively contributing in the community.
- 1.7. There are a number of other positive indicators of success. Humberside OPCC require monthly output monitoring reports to evidence successes and monitor performance. Formal review will be undertaken quarterly, in collaboration with health and justice partners. An end project evaluation will support future commissioning which is likely to commence in April 2022, dependent on Chief Officer Group (COG) Decision. There is a COG options paper currently being developed by Force lead officers.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 It is recommended that Humberside OPCC support the proposal to combine the funding streams and provide partnership support by way of grant management and performance analysis for a 12 month period July 2021 - July 2022.

3. Background

- 3.1 Adopting approaches to tackling criminogenic needs in partnership with health, education and justice can reduce the impact of criminality within our communities and make Humberside a positive outlier for innovation by utilising conditional cautions to address criminogenic need via swift reparation and rehabilitation.
- 3.2 The Lord Chancellor's Protection of the Police, Courts and Sentencing Bill (2020) white paper committed to simplifying the out of court disposal framework. The paper outlines that offenders committing low level offences can be dealt with quickly and efficiently; reducing cost to the public purse and presenting an opportunity to prevent reoffending at the earliest teachable moment.
- 3.3 Diversion and out of court disposals (the ways in which the police can deal with people who commit crime without sending them to court) is a mechanism which aims to 'divert' into either a formal out of court disposal. All police forces nationally have been developing approaches to diversion over the previous 12 months.
- 3.4 In 2019 Humberside OPCC supported Humberside Police in a Home Office application to tackle Serious Organised Crime in relation to substance misuse. As a result funding was made available for a dedicated substance misuse lead in the force (HACA) in addition to the development of a diversion pathway (HOOPS) for acquisitive crime and substance misuse related offending.
- 3.5 In 2020 the diversion pilot commenced but was hindered by Covid 19, in terms of a reduced flow of offenders into custody. This presented minimal information to evaluate. Humberside OPCC sought to support and collaborate with key partners to source additional funding to extend and enhance the intervention.

- 3.6 In May 2021 Humberside OPCC successfully secured additional funding, working alongside Humberside Police, NHS Liaison and Diversion Services, Public Health NEL and National Probation Services. Working together to ensure pathways are effective and opportunities are available to access and refer target cohorts both pre and post custody.
- 3.7 This proposal builds upon the existing evidence base and learning from previous delivery with Humberside police.

4. Options

- 1) Do nothing – Allow the current pilot to end
- 2) Allow partners to collaborate without the strategic support of Humberside OPCC.
- 3) Fully support and combine the two separate funding streams, providing grant management, strategic support, financial administration and performance analysis for the partnership.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The total cost of the Navigation service is 32,000 per annum. Made up of two separate funding streams, £16000 respectively from YaTH and PHE.

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 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 Dame Carole Black Review 2

11.2 The Lord Chancellor's Protection of the Police, Courts and Sentencing Bill (2020) white paper

12. Publication

12.1 Open

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
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