

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

Decision Record Number: **08/2023**

Title: **Safeguarding Children Partnership funding 2022/23 – 2024/25**

Executive Summary:

New funding arrangements for Safeguarding Children Partnerships have been developed, as committed to, in the Police and Crime Plan. Business cases have now been received from all four Children's Safeguarding Partnerships and reviewed.

This report recommends implementing the new funding arrangements on the basis of these.

Decision:

To provide funding to Safeguarding Children Partnerships on the basis of business case proposals they have developed in line with the new funding arrangements.

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 16/03/2023

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Safeguarding children's partnership funding 2022/23 – 2024/25

Date: 16 February 2023

1. Executive Summary

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2. Recommendation(s)

To provide to Safeguarding Children Partnerships on the basis of business case proposals they have developed in line with the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) new funding arrangements.

3. Background

Safeguarding Children Partnerships are a statutory function under Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). Local Authorities, the police and clinical commissioning groups have responsibility for the implementation of the partnership. There are four Safeguarding Children Partnerships in the Humberside area, one for each Local Authority area.

Following consultation with the Safeguarding Children Partnerships, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) committed in the Police and Crime Plan to restructuring the funding provided to them to reduce complexity, support longer term planning, and improve accountability and transparency compared with the arrangements he inherited.

Since advising the Safeguarding Children Partnerships of the new arrangements the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) have been working with them, to secure the submission of high-quality business cases that will support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

The budget for the Safeguarding Children Partnerships has been committed for a three-year period to give greater certainty, and will be allocated as follows:

Safeguarding Children Partnerships				
	Hull	East Riding	North East Lincs	North Lincs
2022/23	25,847	28,036	23,435	13,000
2023/24	26,364	28,597	23,904	13,260
2024/25	26,892	29,169	24,382	13,525

4. Options

Option 1: Discontinue funding to Safeguarding Children Partnerships

Funding Safeguarding Children Partnerships is not a statutory requirement for the PCC. All funding could therefore be withdrawn and put to alternative use.

This option is not recommended, because the partnerships are reliant on this funding for co-ordinating their work and delivering some of their activities. The PCC has already agreed the new funding arrangements with them. Some expenditure has already taken place at risk during 2022/23 with the PCC's agreement.

Option 2: Confirm the new funding arrangements and approve the Safeguarding Children's Partnership proposals (recommended)

The new funding arrangements were mutually agreed and are a commitment within the Police and Crime Plan. The funding is allocated in the budget. Safeguarding Children Partnerships have now submitted proposals that have been checked and clarified where necessary and confirmed as being supportive of the Police and Crime Plan. They are now ready to be contracted through grant agreements and monitored through delivery, so it is recommended to proceed.

5. Financial Implications

The funding outlined above is contained within the budget and planned for future years

6. Legal Implications

The funding to Safeguarding Children Partnership will be provided via a grant offer setting out the terms of the funding. The grant agreement has been

rewritten to make it clearer and improve accountability. The agreement text was checked by the Head of Legal Services.

- 7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan**
The Police and Crime Plan has Effective Organisations as one of its three aims, with better partnership working a key outcome. It includes providing restructured funding to Safeguarding Children Partnership as an explicit commitment.
- 8. Equalities Implications**
No equalities implications have been identified for the OPCC. The funding will be provided to Local Authorities as nominated leads on behalf of Safeguarding Children Partnerships; both they and other statutory partners are subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty. Safeguarding Children Partnerships were required to consider equalities implications as part of the business case template.
- 9. Consultation**
The new arrangements have been consulted on with the Safeguarding Children Partnerships and have their support. Relevant OPCC staff, including the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Finance Officer, were consulted on the funding restructure and budget allocations, and various staff have been involved in checking the submission of business cases.
- 10. Media information**
The funding commitment to the Safeguarding Children Partnerships will be subject of a joint media release.
- 11. Background documents**
Safeguarding Children Partnerships business case submissions.
- 12. Publication**
Open.
- 13. DPIA considered**
A DPIA is not required.

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
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget?	No
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant Chief Officer	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have liaised with Corporate Communications on any communications issues	Yes
I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	Yes
I have included any equalities, diversity and or human rights implications within the report	Yes
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	Yes
I have included information about how this report contributes to the delivery of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan	Yes