

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2015-073	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Police Commissioner's Community Safety Fund
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the allocation of funding from the Community Safety Fund to support the evaluation of the Positive Futures programme in Gwent by Loughborough University in partnership with Derby PCC.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area.

2. With effect from the financial year 2012 / 13, funding for youth crime and substance misuse prevention activities passed to the Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012.

Under the same legislation a previously Home Office funded youth intervention programme known as Newport Positive Futures funding became part of the Commissioner's available funding allocation.

Positive Futures were able to evidence excellent levels of engagement with young people with over 1089 youngsters engaged, and over 90 youngsters gaining qualifications in just one year. Others had gained employment and took part in mentoring and volunteer opportunities provided via the project.

Many of the outcomes from the Positive Future's programme link to the Commissioner's priorities, especially in supporting hard to engage younger people, as stated in his Police and Crime Plan, and has assisted greatly in providing opportunities to facilitate youth intervention in support of other partners to prevent offending and reduce reoffending.

My decision log PCCG-2013 - 039 recorded my decision to allocate the Positive Futures programme £100,000 for the financial period 2013 / 2014. I extended this funding provision into the 2015 /16 period.

Since my original decision to continue to support the programme across Gwent, it has expanded considerably and now involves a wide range of partners in support of delivering the programme. To that end, it would benefit

greatly from an independent evaluation of the impact of the projects in place.

Having been made aware of a similar programme being put in place by my Derbyshire colleague, I was approached to ascertain as to whether there might be some savings in asking the evaluators of that programme to build in capacity to carry out the same work in Gwent, which could provide a 'control' for the evaluation of the overall programme.

This evaluation programme has gone through a robust tender process which had resulted in the appointment of Loughborough University as the successful evaluating body.

The evaluation will be comparing the changes in intervention areas against the change in very similar areas where there is no intervention with the main aims being;

- To demonstrate that sport works to reduce ASB and negative behaviour that falls within the remit of the PCC's Crime plans and other crime reduction agencies.
- Understand the critical ingredients of successful sports intervention
- Understand what is replicable nationally
- To guide future investment through new commissioning frameworks
- To demonstrate how sports interventions are value for money

For our inclusion in the evaluation of the programme there would be a cost of £3,000.00.

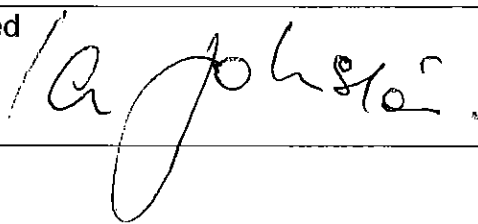
3. Having assessed the evaluation, I have decided to provide the £3,000.00 to the project to support of the evaluation of the Positive Futures programme in Gwent.

Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

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 request has my approval.

Signed



Date

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Background papers (available)	Decision Log PCCG-2013 - 039 Positive Futures Progress Reports. SCB Minutes Evaluation criteria

