

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2022-045	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Serious Violence and Organised Crime – Interventions Funding 2023/2024
Summary	To record the decision to provide grant funding to organisations working together with Gwent Police to deliver Serious Violence and Organised Crime pilot interventions during the 2023/2024 financial year.

## **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. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.
2. In 2018/2019, 2019/2020, and 2020/2021 a Home Office Grant of £245,000 per annum was provided to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, to enable the reduction of crime; reduce the impact of Serious Organised Crime (SOC) on communities; and protect the most vulnerable members of society from criminal exploitation across Newport. In addition, in 2018/2019 a collaborative all Wales bid, led by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales on behalf of the four Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners (South Wales, Gwent, Dyfed Powys and North Wales) was funded by the Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund (EIYF). As part of this complementary EIYF project, direct intervention was being delivered by third sector organisations to empower and educate children and young people about crime and criminality and to divert children and young people away from the risk of exploitation and serious organised crime.  
  
Since no Home Office funding was made available for continuation of interventions of the EIYF funded projects in 2020/2021, the EIYF Project was merged into the SOC Project to create the Serious Violence and Organised Crime (SVOC) Project. Decision Log PCC2020-006 records my decision to provide funding for the SVOC pilot interventions in 2020/21.

3. In 2023/2024 (as with 2021/22 and 2022/23) no further Home Office funding will be available for the Newport SOC work and as a consequence, the budget for continuing the pilot interventions has been reduced. Recommendations have been made by the Project Leads in relation to how the available funding for 2023/2024 should be prioritised. Based on the SVOC objectives for 2023/2024, a process was instigated to allow proposals to be submitted for the continued delivery of pilot interventions in 2023/2024. The proposals were reviewed and funding recommendations made by a Panel of Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Gwent Police representatives.

4. I have considered the requirements under both Acts; the recommendations made by the Panel; and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will provide funding, to the following organisations:

**St Giles Trust - £127,706**

- To deliver one to one crisis intervention to young people and their families, at risk of involvement or involved in serious violence and organised crime; and co-deliver the 'Fearless' Programme in Schools with Crimestoppers.

**Crimestoppers Trust - £42,485**

- To co-deliver the Fearless Programme to Year 7 pupils in educational establishments with St Giles Trust; and provide targeted support to schools in hotspot areas where serious violence or organised crime is an issue.

5. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement, which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, the grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;
- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risk; and
- Learning.

Where the review panel recommended additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the

minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.

Successful applicants will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation prior to any funding being released.


**Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, 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

14.04.2023

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**Background papers**

- SVOC Proposal Form 2023/2024
- SVOC Proposal Guidance and Criteria Document 2023/2024