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PCC Funding Initiatives

West Mercia Wide

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Police and Crime Commissioner Income

Ministry of Justice Victims' Services Grant

Following an amendment to section 56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 and the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 PCC's now have responsibility to commission victim services.

Home Office Grant

PCC's also receive a single pot of funding from the Home Office for policing and community safety. A PCC will use this as funding towards the delivery of the police service and the remaining will be allocated to commissioning, grants and his office.

Council Tax

The PCC raises funds from Council Tax levied on the residents of West Mercia and sets a precept. These funds are used to support the delivery of the police service, the PCC, his office, commissioned services and grants.

"Throughout my term I will invest in local outcome focused interventions and projects demonstrating value for money for West Mercia. My investment will be targeted towards supporting victims to cope and recover AND reduce offending throughout West Mercia." (PCC, John Campion)

John Champion's funding streams for commissioning and grants



Ministry of
JUSTICE



Victim Services

...all PCC's receives an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice for supporting victims. West Mercia's PCC provides a 'top up' to this from his own budget to enhance and extend provision

The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

...a ring-fenced fund, to deliver the outcomes of the Safer West Mercia plan. This is utilised for larger grants and commissioned contracts and it is usually awarded West Mercia wide

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

...funding for local initiatives to meet the priorities of the CSP & the Safer West Mercia Plan

Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund

...small localised projects, meeting the objectives of the West Mercia plan whilst adding value to communities. Initial decision making for this fund is the responsibility of local policing area commanders

NB: a branch of this fund is for localised road safety initiatives

Victims

All PCCs receive an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice to commission free practical and emotional support helping victims cope and recover, whether they have reported it to the police or not. John Campion provides a 'top up' to this funding stream from his own budget, ensuring specialist providers are accessible to victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence and child sexual exploitation.

Victims - Generic

£625,940

For the Victim Advice Line (VAL) made up of a team of expert and fully trained Victim Care Coordinators helping the victim when they come through to the service, be it through police, third party or self-referral (the crime doesn't have to have been reported to the police). The victim may then be referred onto other specialist services, dependent on the level of support they need. This type of model is being seen as best practice and a flagship across the country in delivering support to victims.

£408,346

To Victim Support for:

- Helping victims of crime in West Mercia to cope and recover; AND
- To deliver a restorative justice (RJ) service by bringing those that have been harmed by crime, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing harm

and finding a positive way forward. RJ gives victims the chance to have their say, to get answers to their questions, and to move on with their lives. It gives offenders, or the person that caused harm, an insight into the real impact of their behaviour and an opportunity to make amends. Alongside and integrated with criminal justice systems, it can deliver benefits that traditional approaches on their own cannot.

Sexual violence

£543,483

To AXIS for the sexual abuse/violence victim support service: Supporting clients in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin aged 11 and over, who have experienced recent or non-recent sexual abuse, regardless of whether or not they have reported it to the police. The Parenting ISVA supports the parents and carers of victims aged 10 and under.

£537,349

To WMRSASAC to support victims of sexual abuse/violence in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. This grant maintains the current key frontline ISVA, Male ISVA, Family ISVA and Children & Young Peoples (CHISVA) service provision within WMRSASAC and to support continued delivery of the SELFIE training and awareness raising programme.

£118,277

To the West Midlands Paediatric Sexual Assault Service (SARC) which is a region-wide service providing expert care for children and young people who have disclosed sexual assault, or who may have been subject to sexual abuse. Clients are seen by an

experienced paediatrician with specialist training in forensic examination and are supported by a crisis worker. We have received £60,000 from NHS England to develop a governance structure and action plan which brings together cross agency support in alignment of the Sexual Assault Strategy - rolling out and its recommendations across West Mercia. For this we have engaged with 2novate (consultancy specialist) to assist with this project. The project will look into to prevention, promoting safeguarding, involving victims, introducing quality standards, driving collaboration and ensuring a trained workforce.

£38,647

To AXIS for The Child ISVA will work directly with any child aged 5-10 who has experienced sexual abuse regardless of whether there is an ongoing Criminal Justice Process or not. In addition, introductory sessions for 4 year olds will be conducted to familiarise them with the ISVA, with a view to their 1-to-1 support commencing when they turn 5. The support for this client group will be in conjunction with the current Parenting ISVA who will continue to work with the parents of this client group.

Domestic Abuse

£41,200

To Women's Aid for the Children and Young people's Project: This grant pays for a Children and Young People's service to engage with those between the ages of 5-19 who are identified as at risk of suffering significant negative outcomes as a result of domestic abuse within their family/home environment. Age-appropriate activities promote knowledge and

understanding of domestic abuse and its impact on children and young people, and help them to understand how to avoid or conclude unhealthy relationships themselves. The Project Worker will also visit schools, raising awareness of domestic abuse with both staff and pupils.

£558,260

For the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service: IDVAs represent an accredited and co-ordinated response to standardise and support the delivery of advocacy services for victims of domestic violence. Serving as a victim's primary point of contact, IDVAs normally work with their clients from the point of crisis to assess the level of risk, discuss the range of suitable options and develop safety plans. IDVAs usually work with cases deemed to be at high risk of harm or homicide.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

£521,909

On 2nd May 2020 the Government announced a national package of £76m extra funding to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, vulnerable children and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of £341,363 was awarded, by the MOJ, to fund nominated projects within West Mercia from 24 March 2020 until 31 October 2020. Split by £105,777 for services supporting victims of sexual violence and £95,782 for services supporting victims of domestic abuse.

In November 2020 the MOJ provided a top-up to the original funding of £180,546 for the period 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 inclusive.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

£305,735

To WMRSASC for CSE specialist support – the Branch Project: Funded to provide education, intervention and support to children and young people (CYP) who are at risk of or have been a victim of CSE in Worcestershire, Shropshire, and Herefordshire.

- Prevention – education will be provided in schools and outreach settings to children and young people (CYP) as well as CSE specific one to one interventions to CYP who have been identified as being at risk of CSE.
- Cope - where a disclosure of CSE has been made, one to one practical and emotional support will be delivered to CYP to help support a CYP throughout the criminal justice process (CJS).
- Recover - for those who have experienced CSE, one to one psychosocial support interventions will be delivered to CYP including those whose involvement with CJS has finished or where no CJS process is being pursued.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

£601,979

CLIMB (The West Mercia Diversionary Network) will be delivered by the Children's Society. This contract will support children and young people (C&YP) who are at risk of criminal exploitation. The focus is particularly on early intervention and prevention and seeks to engage a particular cohort. This cohort,

based on evidence from a thematic Needs Analysis, will include those who are Missing Education (permanent or temporary exclusion), or not currently engaged in any training or work. Additionally it will engage those C&YP who are reported missing, have an arrest (or intelligence) surrounding possession of Class A Controlled Drugs or knives/ weapons. As well as a 'Trusted Adult' approach, CLIMB will seek to divert those C&YP into positive activities e.g. Sports/ Art/ Drama etc. thus surrounding the service users with positive peers and role models.

£21,750

For a West Mercia Diversionary Network Project Lead supporting West Mercia Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Commissioning and Policy Teams in developing and implementing a West Mercia wide Diversionary Network (WMDN). The WMDN will prioritise children and young people at risk of criminal exploitation. The aim will be to intervene early and reduce the likelihood of them entering the criminal justice system.

£63,825

For Exploitation and Vulnerability Trainers. To coordinate and deliver a prevention package around Child Exploitation (CE) to professionals and community groups delivering services to children.

The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

This budget focuses on projects committed to delivering outcomes in the Safer West Mercia plan.

Reduce Offending

£70,000

To West Mercia Youth Justice Service to develop support and deliver the range of interventions to support youth caution and conditional cautions and support the joint decision model for young people committing offences. This includes contacting known victims, where appropriate, to provide them with information and invite them to become involved in restorative processes

£103,000

To Willowdene Farm. The Project enables vulnerable women who are offending, or at risk of offending, or leaving the custodial estate to transform their thinking and behaviour to build a purposeful, stable and offending-free lifestyle through access to holistic gender-specific trauma-informed one-stop-shop provision delivering rehabilitative and diversionary pathways.

£25,000

To Veterans Fund who provide support directly to veterans, either in prison, under formal probation

supervision or in contact with the police. Direct support will be provided by suitably qualified and experienced part time Senior RV link worker who will link in with existing services provided by the Armed Forces Covenant Hubs in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire.

Substance misuse

£54,000

To Shropshire CSP for the Drug Intervention programme (DIP): Working within the local criminal justice system the service supports the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme, provides arrest referral support in custody, manages a caseload and provides the treatment element of community sentences Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR) and Alcohol Treatment Requirement (ATR) order. The aim is to reduce offending and re-offending.

£30,378

To Hereford Public Health for a Drug Intervention Programme. This funding provides the arrest referral service, DRRs and ATRs and supports the IOM team. The aim is to reduce offending and reoffending.

£106,000

To Worcestershire County Council (Swanswell) for the Drug Intervention programme (DIP): Committed to delivering the Drug Test on Arrest (DTOA) service by completing cell sweeps offering and delivering brief interventions, completing voluntary, required and follow up assessments, make referrals into structured treatment and provide treatment pathways to custody staff outside of hours.

£60,000

To Telford & Wrekin CSP for the Drug Intervention programme (DIP). This grant commits to delivering the Drug Test on Arrest (DTOA) service (cell sweeps offering and delivering brief interventions, voluntary assessments (VA), required RA) and follow up assessments (FUA), referrals into structured treatment). The grant also supports court orders by delivering DRRs and ATRs. In addition it provides a rug alcohol worker support for the IOM cohort and custodial sentence and prison release drug and alcohol support.

£110,293

To West Mercia Youth Justice Service for the Substance Misuse programme. Designed to provide timely and effective specialist substance misuse assessments and interventions to young people in the criminal justice system or who are at risk of entering the youth justice system. The aim is to reduce the harm caused by substance misuse, assist young people to recovery and reduce the likelihood of offending and re-offending.

Water Safety

£20,000

To West Mercia Search and Rescue who work closely with West Mercia Police and to provide an effective, sustainable and valuable team of unpaid professionals to search for missing persons, promote water safety, respond during flooding and civil-contingencies, thereby reducing the workload of police officers, reducing cost to the force for NPAS deployments, providing a greater visible presence in the community

and providing a much better service to vulnerable people in their time of crisis.

Acquisitive Crime

£24,664

To assist in the setting up of new Neighbourhood Watch groups across West Mercia and for existing schemes to be sustained through social media channels. NHW schemes are invaluable in promoting prevention advice amongst local residents, as well as an excellent tool for developing intelligence around suspicious or unwanted activity.

£227,710

Upper Tier Local Authority Councillors have access to financial support for reducing acquisitive crime. The PCC is offering a 25% contribution to the We Don't Buy Crime (WDBC) scheme increasing the reach across West Mercia. WDBC towns and villages are where 70% of residential properties have marked their possessions with Smartwater (a water based solution with a unique forensic code that shows up under UV light). WDBC signs are installed through the village/town warning potential offenders to prevent burglary.

Safer roads

£ 291,281

For the development and delivery of #MORSE WM (making the roads safer for everyone in West Mercia) Road users committing motoring or criminal offences (target group) will be referred by operation snap and the CRC to YSS for mentoring to get to the root of the offending behaviour and offer holistic support to

prevent further offending. #MORSE will offer a combination of 1-2-1 intensive support and short specialised interventions delivered by the two fire and rescue services in West Mercia. Where appropriate, the area FRS will provide an education experience for the individual/groups, bespoke to their reason for being referred. Each referral will be triaged at the start of the intervention to assess what support is required dependant on the individuals need and offending history.

This model will be supported by a #MORSE campaign West Mercia wide and a WM wide #MORSE reference group bringing all partners (PCC funded or not) together to expand the project and push the road safety agenda.

£20,000

To Pathfinder. This volunteer run project is designed to reduce the number of road traffic collisions, casualties (KSIs) and convictions amongst vulnerable novice drivers, i.e. 17-24 year olds through pre-licence driver development. Young people attend before they are 17 work with their parent or appropriate adult in a partnership environment where they develop understanding of road risk, a positive attitude to road safety and technical driving skills.

Cyber Crime

£10,000

For Get Safe Online. The website is a unique resource providing practical advice to the public and businesses on protecting their computers/mobiles devices against fraud, identity theft, viruses and many

other problems encountered online. The grant enables WMP to have access to resources and campaigns targeted at keeping their communities safe.

Other

£27,200

For Safer West Mercia Needs Assessments to enable victims of crime to cope and recover, and for offending to be reduced through effective interventions.

Preventing Rural and Business Crime

Whilst crime can take place anywhere the fear and impact of crime in rural areas can be different, primarily due to perception and increased feelings of vulnerability resulting from isolation. The PCC provides £459,852 to West Mercia Police for five rural and business officers (one in each local policing area) to proactively engage and work with communities on crime prevention and awareness raising initiatives. Each officer has access to a rural and business crime fund to support their work and a vehicle to increase reach within their communities.

Information on area specific CGS grants is also available.

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

Core Funding

Each CSP is provided with a ring-fenced budget from the PCC. This budget can be spent on pro-active community safety initiatives, addressing local needs and creating a safer and more secure West Mercia

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

A budget has been allocated for the purchase and installation of CCTV as one of the mechanisms used across West Mercia to detect and deter criminal activity. Total funding of £325K is available for CSP's over the period 2020/21.

[Information on area specific projects for CSP funding is available.](#)

Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund (LPCAF)

Core Funding

The PCC provides £150,000 per annum to the safer neighbourhood teams and his community ambassadors with the autonomy to support local initiatives relevant to their policing area.

LPCAF Safer Roads

A branch of this fund is for 'safer roads' – there is £100,000 for local communities to apply for funding to prevent the harm caused by a road traffic collision in their vicinity.

[Information on area specific LPCAF funding is available for each area.](#)