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PCC Funding Initiatives

South Worcestershire

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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

£29,968

To West Mercia Women's Aid to provide additional capacity to the existing PCC funded CYP project and facilitate the provision of bespoke programmes of support to children between the ages of 5-19 whose parents/carers are engaged in Drive or are being considered by the DAPP panel.

DRIVE

£176,632.74

The Drive Project focuses on priority high-risk or serial perpetrators, both male and female, aged 16 and over, as this group carries the greatest risk of serious harm and engage poorly in available services. By addressing perpetrators' behaviour Drive targets the root cause of domestic abuse and improves outcomes for victims and children. The key objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of serial perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Reduce the number of repeat and new victims

- Reduce the harm caused to victims and children

The provision includes:

- Service delivery
- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel support Officer
- IDVA support for all victims associated with DRIVE clients
- DRIVE central costs

The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

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

£22,085

To the Aspire Academy for the 'Aspire Plus'. The project aims to engage vulnerable young people at risk of offending and anti-social behaviour in an out of school programme of activities to boost social skills and employability prospects.

£30,000

To Longlands Care Farm to provide an alternative education setting for young people who are excluded from and/or struggle with mainstream education settings. The project enables young people to gain hands on, practical workplace experience as well as achieving recognisable qualifications leading to further

education and/or employment. It also provides mental health support for young people suffering depression, anxiety and anti-social and anger issues.

£20,000 (01/11/20 – 31/10/21)

To Worcestershire Children First who cater for the AMBER risk young people in the GETSAFE agenda for Worcestershire, this being a gap in service provision identified. Funding is for a link worker role and the project works alongside Young Solutions from the Voluntary sector.

£2,500

To Support for Prison In reach - SSAFA Caseworkers. This grant will fund travel expenses for caseworkers to engage with ex-servicemen and women who are incarcerated to support repatriation and a crime-free life and offer them and their families pastoral and material support.

£8,465

To Severn Arts. In collaboration with The Children Society's CLIMB project, 'Future is Now' will engage with young people who have been identified as vulnerable to Child Criminal Exploitation. The project will take place in six alternative provision settings between September 2021 and March 2022 with young people at risk of childhood criminal exploitation. It will be delivered in partnership between Severn Arts and The Children's Society, with an artist and a TCS project worker present.

Preventing Burglary

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. Up to £231,000 has been made available from the PCC to invest in this initiative. 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. Traces of smartwater found on offender, provides the evidence required for a successful prosecution. Registered smartwater identified on stolen property increases the likelihood of it being returned to the owner. In South Worcestershire the following areas are implementing the WDBC scheme: Crophorne, Ombersley, Stockton, Wickhamford, Elmbridge, Stock and Bradley, Abbots Morton, Overbury, Dodderhil, Badsey, Ashton under Hill, Beccbury, Wichenford, Rushock, Elmley Lovett, Bredon, Claines, Church Aston, Monkwood Green, Sinton Green, Grimley, Wyre Piddle, Eckington, Warndon, Elmley Castle, Malvern Chase, St Peter's, St John's Henwick Park, Hindlip, Segberrow, Little Dewchurch, Great Comberton, Bishop Frome, Martley, Beckford, Aldington, Hanbury, Hartlebury, Kenswick

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

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

Core funding £139,250 allocated as follows:

£20,000

For CSP analytical support. This will be provided by the Research & Intelligence Team of Worcestershire Council. This team support the Council and other partnerships with analytical support and have a wide range of skills and knowledge.

£5,000

IOM and reducing reoffending is a long established issue linked to expanding preventative measures, community safety would be greatly improved. The funding will be utilised to take up schemes such as the "Buddi-tag system" and the charitable Probation Care Trust who offer immediate, tailored support to offenders across West Mercia, to assist them in integrating back into the community and breaking the cycle of reoffending.

£10,000

For Adult Exploitation to employ a temporary Exploitation Development Officer (employed by West Mercia Police) around safeguarding adults who are being exploited or at risk of exploitation.

£4,680

For Worcester BID who work hard to ensure that there is a welcoming presence for Worcester's residents and visitors in the city centre, and to combat anti-social behaviour, theft and other incidents of crime throughout the day and night. The funding is to lease police radios.

£36,118

For the DAWN project. Domestic Abuse Working Network at Worcester Community Trust (WCT) delivers tailor-made crisis intervention, face to face support around domestic abuse including controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour. Funding is for one full time project worker.

CCTV

£65,000

TBA.

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)

The PCC provides the safer neighbourhood teams and his community ambassadors with the autonomy to support local initiatives. A branch of this fund is for 'safer roads', whereby SNTs can apply for funding to prevent the harm caused by a road traffic collision in the areas they serve.

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)

Some examples include:

£400

For Good Custody Project - Bulk buying of reading books, paper & puzzles, pens, any other materials identified by staff that might help in improving custody experience or having a positive impact on detainee.

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF) – Road Safety

Some examples include:

The above list of PCC funding initiatives is in addition to the West Mercia wide funded projects which are also available to the communities of South Worcestershire.