

1. A list of organisations funded in 2013/2014 from the OPCC, the amounts funded and the names of the projects and whether any of them involved supporting hate crime work with Muslim communities in West Yorkshire.
2. Can you provide any information on details of any work that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has undertaken on the area of anti-Muslim prejudice, working with Muslim communities to raise hate crime awareness or engagement with Muslim communities? Can a list of the organisations or representatives engaged with be provided? These relate to activities, work plans, or reports that may have been drafted in the areas listed by the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. As part of this request, given the range of activities and work that the PCC's office undertakes, work on anti-Muslim hate or prejudice should be small in volume and therefore we do not envisage that cost or volume of work will be a limiting factor in providing a response and the relevant information.

I can provide the following:

1. For the purposes of this request we are assuming that you mean the financial year, 2013-2014. In this period the Commissioner has allocated the Home Office community safety fund to partners. Further details of this can be found via this link:

<http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/media/19583/crime-and-disorder-reduction-grants-2013-14.pdf>

Performance indicators for this funding can be found via this link:

<http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/holding-the-chief-constable-to-account/quarterly-performance-report.aspx>

Funding from the community safety fund has been provided as follows for the year 2013-14 as follows:

Project/Organisation	Amount
Bradford MBC	936,252
Calderdale MDC	320,136
Kirklees Council	533,072
Leeds City Council	1,301,888
Wakefield MDC	494,600
Positive Futures Keighley	68,188
Positive Futures Bradford	63,600
Positive Futures Calderdale	69,600
Positive Futures Leeds	123,256
West Yorkshire Police drug intervention programmes	1,376,408
Safer Futures	5,000

The Commissioner has also committed to fund a number of projects through Ministry of Justice funding for victims services. Further information can be found via this link and the attached document:

[http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/current/victims-services-across-the-county-get-800,000-pound-cash-boost-from-west-yorkshires-police-and-crime-commissioner-\(3-apr-2014\).aspx](http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/current/victims-services-across-the-county-get-800,000-pound-cash-boost-from-west-yorkshires-police-and-crime-commissioner-(3-apr-2014).aspx)

Funding has been committed from the victims services fund as follows:

Project/Organisation	Amount
Restorative Justice Service Unit (Bradford Community Safety Partnership)	102,425
Neighbourhood Resolution Panel (Kirklees Community Safety Partnership)	26,500
Improving responses to domestic violence project (Leeds Community Safety Partnership)	16,000
Victims hub (Leeds Community Safety Partnership)	20,000
Online resource for victims and practitioners (Police National Legal Database)	200,000
Restorative justice service (Remedi)	100,000
Sexual Violence Project (Survivors WY)	54,450
Victims services review (Victim Support)	14,234
Restorative Justice (Victim Support)	40,000
Neighbourhood co-ordinator	60,000
Womens Centre	43,000
W Y Mediation Services	11,620
Victim Engagement Project (W Y Probation)	770
Young Lives Bradford	75,000
Third Sector Development (OPCC)	23,077

In addition, the Commissioner will be allocating funding from his safer communities fund during 2014/15. Further details, once available, will be published on our website (link below):

<http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-communities-fund.aspx>

2. Please see the attached response to your question number 2.

ALLOCATION OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE PREPARATORY VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT 2013/14.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 In November the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) issued grants to each Police and Crime Commissioner in England and Wales to prepare for October 2014 when I become responsible for the commissioning of local victim support services. The grant included preparation for restorative justice services.

1.2 The value of the grant for West Yorkshire is £823,901 (£671,408 for preparatory work and £152,502 for restorative justice – this is not ringfenced).

1.3 The MoJ criteria for the fund are to enable me to:

- build the capacity and capability of potential providers of services for victims (including potential providers of restorative justice services) from the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector
- commission restorative justice services if capacity and capability are sufficient in relation to these services
- prepare for local commissioning

1.4 End of year flexibility

Given that funds were not provided until relatively late in the financial year, the MoJ state they have taken a pragmatic approach by not specifying in which financial year this money must be spent. However, they do not envisage roll over of large funds and have asked that I report to them on expenditure in 2013/14 and the plans in place to spend any roll over on capacity and capability building and preparing for local commissioning.

Roll over of funds will be allowed only where plans are in place for spend in relation to capacity and capability building and in preparing for local commissioning. It is not possible to roll over funding for the actual commissioning of restorative justice services or wider victim services.

1.5 In accepting the grant offer I stated that in West Yorkshire we were relying on this additional guidance and that roll over of funding into 2014/15 will be allowed.

1.6 During January my office invited bids from partners for project proposals against the MoJ criteria and ensuring that the proposed activity links to Police and Crime Plan priorities.

2.0 My local criteria for victim services

2.1 As I prepare to commission local support services for victims I have three local criteria that I will apply, these are:

- Victims must not be disadvantaged by where they live. In supporting victims to cope from the impact of crime or disorder and to support them to recover from the harm they have experienced it is important that services developed can be accessed throughout West Yorkshire and that the needs of victims are met.
- If someone feels they have been a victim then they should be able to self refer and be entitled to access support services and there is no expectation that they will have reported the crime to the police.
- Preparation projects for restorative justice services must be able to provide evidence of benefit to victims.

3.0 Assessment of bids

My office received a total of 43 bids which were assessed against the MoJ criteria and Police and Crime Plan priorities. Not all bids met the criteria and therefore some are ineligible for further consideration on this occasion.

Of the remaining bids the total fund was oversubscribed. Further assessment was undertaken against my local criteria. I am pleased to announce that the following projects will receive from the preparatory grant:

Organisation	Victim services preparatory projects
Bradford CSP	Pilot Restorative Justice Service Unit – a pilot hub approach
Kirklees CSP	Neighbourhood Resolution Panel Scheme
Leeds CSP	Improving responses to DV through victims' voices
	Victim hub pilot
	Restorative Justice for adults: Neighbourhood Resolution pilot
PNLD	Online resource for victims and practitioners.
Remedi	Increasing capability of RJ
OPCC	Third Sector support
Survivors West Yorkshire	Adult male sexual violence victim services development
Victim Support	West Yorkshire Victim Services Review
	Increasing capability and capacity to offer RJ victim focussed services
Wakefield CSP	Neighbourhood Resolution Coordinator
WY Probation Trust	Victim Engagement Panel
WomensCentre	Capacity building / feasibility study on supporting victims through live video link to courtrooms
Yorkshire Mediation Services	Capacity and capability building of restorative justice
Young Lives Bradford Consortium	Increasing capability and capacity of a range of organisations supporting young people as victims.

4.0 Contracts containing terms and conditions will be issued to those organisations with. I will ask that all projects share their practice between each other, the communities of West Yorkshire and with my office. It is expected that links are made with the PNLD team and all projects will undertake an interim and end of project evaluation for wide dissemination.

Progress reports will be sent to me. Learning will be presented for discussion at the Partnership Executive Group, West Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Forum and the Third Sector Advisory Group.

5.0 For those not receiving funding on this occasion I will keep the bids on file for further consideration at a later date. I will also share these with my West Yorkshire Forum for Innovation and Investment. If they identify opportunities within their work programme they will make direct contact with those organisations submitting bids.

5.1 I also draw to your attention the **Safer Communities Fund** which has been launched to help voluntary, community groups, charities and partners make their communities safer and feel safer. This fund sees money seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act within the county fed in to a single pot of cash, exclusively for community safety initiatives.

There will be four grant rounds each year and applications for the first round can be made up to the value of £10,000. Overall the fund will support projects which seek to bring partners and communities together to tackle priorities in the Police and Crime Plan.

To find out more about the fund, including how to apply on line:

Email	safercommunitiesfund@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
Telephone	01924 294090 (Please leave a message and a member of our team will get back to you)
Address	Community Safety Fund, Ploughland House, 62 George Street, Wakefield, WF1 1DL
Tweet	@WestYorksOPCC
Facebook	OfficeofthePoliceandCrimeCommissionerWestYorkshire

6.0 Finally, may I thank all partners who submitted bids and I look forward to working with you all in delivering against our priorities and shared outcomes.

Mark Burns-Williamson
Police and Crime Commissioner

5 March 2014

Q.2

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is committed to dealing with all aspects of hate crime in line with his commitments in the Police and Crime Plan, the strands are based on hostility or hatred based on a victim's actual or perceived disability, sexual orientation, race, faith or a person identifying as transgender.

1. Listening to you (Survey) – November 2012

Q7 How can organisations and communities challenge crimes like domestic abuse and hate crime?

- **Education** was the top answer with 25.1% of all responses, followed by **harsher consequences** with 21.2% and **reporting issues** (18.2%)
 - More **female** respondents than **males** said talk about it, education, reporting issues and care for victims and witnesses
 - More **male** respondents than **females** said harsher consequences
- ✓ **Tackling hate crime is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan.**
- ✓ **I am committed to working with partners to encourage reporting of domestic abuse and better tackle this crime.**

2. Hate Crime Event – January 2013

Over 60 people representing public and voluntary sector organisations across West Yorkshire met with the PCC in Leeds to discuss all forms of hate crime e.g. race, homophobic, disability-related, religious, etc.

An officer from the Ministry of Justice came to the event to talk about the national perspective. An officer from West Yorkshire Police followed with a presentation about the number of each type of hate crime reported to the police and the hate crime hotspots across West Yorkshire and a member of staff from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) finished by talking about how much of a problem the people completing the Commissioner's public perception survey considered hate crime to be.

The main focus of the event was to discuss experiences of reporting hate crime and importantly to identify possible solutions for the Commissioner and partners to take forward.

3. Police & Crime Plan Launch – March 2013

I will use my position as elected representative to bring people together with partners to tackle all forms of hate crime building towards:

- ✓ Ensuring people understand and are aware of what hate crime is, how it can be reported, and how they can help.
- ✓ People who experience or witness hate crime feeling able to come forward to report it, ensuring that they are supported in a way that best meets their needs.
- ✓ Being assured that people can go to individuals and organisations they trust and that reported hate crime is dealt with appropriately, while reinforcing the message that it is not acceptable in any form.

4. Reports to Community Outcome Meeting – Attached – September 2013

5. Hate Crime Press Release – 17 October 2013

The PCC marked Hate Crime Awareness Week by confirming his commitment with the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police, Mark Gilmore, to do all they can to tackle hate crime across West Yorkshire.

6. PCC One year on Document - *Tackling hate crime* – “I am reviewing with the Chief Constable the recording and classification of hate crime as well as hate crime reporting and how victims can be better supported through safer places. I held a roundtable on hate crime in the first months to look at the hate crime issues that affect people in West Yorkshire and these led to the commitment statements in the Police and Crime Plan.”

7. Police and Crime Plan 2014/2015

A refresh of the plan has been undertaken and is being drafted, the PCC's commitment on hate crime will of course continue, he will also be looking at ensuring the right services are commissioned (from October 2014).

8. The PCC will also be involved in the review of the Force Scrutiny Panels who look in detail at Hate Crime – this is ongoing.

9. Next steps - ongoing

A COMMUNICATIONS / SOCIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF:

- What hate crime is (and how it differs from anti-social behaviour)
- What impact it has on people and how this differs depending on the individual
- Why it matters and why people who witness it should report it
- How people can report it (they have a choice – different channels)
- What information we currently capture/record, how it is used and how people can access it

- Help reassure people that they will be supported if they come forward

10. Working with other PCCs in the region - The OPCC was also invited to attend a conference for strategic leaders to share the results of the Tell MAMA anti-Muslim hate crime project (funded by South Yorkshire PCC) and other hate crime work in Rotherham. The OPCC has asked for feedback from the event.

The PCC has also met with a variety of groups with a faith or BME focus where Hate Crime and the categories of Religious hate crime have been discussed, he has also visited Mosques, undertaken a Q & A with trainee Imams in Dewsbury and visited Leeds Islamic Centre where he has spoken about his work . Further meetings include:

Tell Mama - August 2013

Including representatives of Calderdale Council, Calderdale Council of Mosques and a Calderdale Councillor.

Meeting re Faith Communities with the Bishop of Pontefract - October 2013

Discussion included how Kirklees Faiths Forum could be used to aid West Yorkshire Police in their work through training and advice on faith issues. The PCC also discussed hate crime work, following his meeting with the Chief Constable on 2 September 2013 and, in particular, the current hate crime work that he was leading jointly with the Force, which will involve consultation with communities and partners. This will examine both classification issues and seek feedback to inform decisions about future models of delivery for reporting and support services.

South Asian Community (SAC) – October 2013 - The PCC, District Commander and the Community Safety Partners met representatives of SAC and the wider community to listen to their concerns and issues. Religious hate crime was discussed and the PCC agreed to meet the group again to talk about the progress of his work and assured them they would be involved in further consultation.

IEngage – Sept/Nov 2013

The PCC's representatives also had an initial meeting with the Head of Community Development and Engagement at IENGAGE to find out more about their work and share details of the early work taking place to scope out the joint OPCC/WYP project around 'Tackling hate crime across West Yorkshire'.

ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS MONTH - The purpose of the event as described by IENGAGE was to: deconstruct and challenge some of the stereotypes about Islam and Muslims. This event was public and free for all to attend with IENGAGE exhibitions taking place, the event would allow individuals to attain an awareness of Islamophobia and how it was a growing concern within the UK.

The PCC used his presence as an opportunity to listen and gather information – assisting IENGAGE with their other objectives around developing partnerships and listening to Muslim communities across West Yorkshire.

OPCC staff also had a stand at the event and spoke to attendees about the PCC's work, details were captured of groups and individuals who wanted to take part in further consultation on religious hate crime.

Issues raised by IENGAGE

- Recording Islamophobia
- Reforming stop and search
- Tackling far right hate groups
- Developing partnerships with Muslim communities

The PCC also spoke about the current picture indicating that West Yorkshire Police record against the five strands of hate, namely: disability, sexual orientation, religion, and race or gender identity.

- An islamophobic hate incident or crime is recorded under the 'religion' hate strand.
- Hate crime and incident data by strand is annually available in the equality information publication from the West Yorkshire Police website and the freedom of information process can consider any requests for specific data, such as Islamophobic or attacks on religious places.
- Based on advice from The Home Office Police Forces are free to extend their own policy response to include local, prevalent hostilities that are causing the greatest concern to the community and some forces such as Greater Manchester and Merseyside have recently launched additional strands (e.g. 'alternative sub-culture' strand for Goths and 'attacks on street sex workers' respectively).
- As an indication, prior to the Commissioner's meeting with the Chief Constable in September 2013 data was analysed for the month of April 2013. From a total of 142 Hate-race and hate-faith crimes, 2 crimes are identified as Islamophobic.

STOP HATE UK – November 2013

The meeting explored:

- How Stop Hate UK could support delivery of the PCCs work and feed into the consultation itself.
- Any initial views from Stop Hate UK as to other key stakeholders (inc. victim and witness groups) to include in our stakeholder mapping. Also other areas regionally and nationally who are demonstrating best practice in their recording, reporting and support services for those affected by hate crime.
- Service delivery

The PCC has also been involved in the Hate Crime Awareness Week and the Tell MAMA-supported local launches of district hate crime strategies - Kirklees Oct 2013 and Bradford November 2013. He will also attend the Leeds Launch in June 2014.

December 2013 – In line with the PCC request the Force have now included aggregated sub categories across the five strands – Anti-Islam will be flagged under the faith category along with Anti Sikh, Anti Semitism, Anti – Hindu and Anti Christian. Also the person's religion can be recorded from a list of 40 plus options.

Hate Crime including religious hate crime was also discussed at the following meetings:

- Stakeholder Consultation in each district on the Police and Crime Plan – December 2012
- Living our lives in safety – December 2012
- PCC representative attended Tell MAMA community consultation event in Bradford
- Meeting – Jan 2013
- Visit to the Leeds ASB team including hate crime issues – March 2013
- Hate Crime Workshop – October 2013
- Internal meeting to discuss his programme of work September 2013
- Kirklees Hate Crime strategy Launch October 2013
- Bradford Hate Crime strategy Launch November 2013
- Hate Crime Radio Interview – sunrise Radio – Bradford October 2013
- Tenfold – November 2013
- Racial justice Network – Feb 2013.

