



**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST YORKSHIRE**

**Record of Decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Title/Subject: Violence Reduction Unit – Delivery for 2020/21 – Education Inclusion Programme Delivery Initiatives**

**Serial No: DP0163**

**Summary:**

In June 2019, the PCC for West Yorkshire received £3.37m for the establishment of a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) through Home Office central funding to work with all relevant agencies to support a multi-agency, public health, long-term approach to preventing and tackling serious violence. The Home Office confirmed funding for 2020/21 at the end of December 2019 with a further allocation of £3.37m to West Yorkshire VRU.

The recent report from the Children’s Commissioner highlights that Covid-19 has increased many of the risks facing teenagers. These concerns have been echoed in feedback from partners across West Yorkshire, which has highlighted that risks have been exacerbated for some young people already known to be vulnerable but that lockdown has also contributed to more young people being at increased risk.

As part of the joint application from the VRU and West Yorkshire Police Surge (Operation Jemlock), £250,000 was allocated to West Yorkshire Education Inclusion Programme initiatives.

The aim of this grant programme is to contribute to the success measures above by:

- reducing the numbers of children who are excluded from schools/ colleges
- reducing absenteeism
- ensuring young people successfully get back into education, training or work
- increasing the protective factors for vulnerable young people
- reducing youth violence through learning, commitment to learning, increase aspirations and develop a positive relationship with their learning environment/provider.

Potential Target Population: Young people:

- At risk of exclusion
- Who have had fixed/permanent exclusions
- With high levels of unauthorised absence
- Not in education through lockdown
- With multiple missing episodes
- Not in education, employment or training
- At risk of/involved in antisocial behaviour/violent crime
- At risk of exploitation

The following target groups are being targeted as part of this funding:

Young People (target group) across West Yorkshire will:

- Be identified, supported and re-engaged
- Be prepared and ready to return to formal education (school/college/ alternative provision) in September.
- Be engaged in education, employment, training
- Be more aware of the impacts and risk of violence.
- Have the opportunity, support and confidence to disengage from anti-social behaviour/violent crime.
- Have awareness of exploitation to reduce potential risks for themselves and others.
- Will be aware of where they can access personalised support to meet their needs.

In decision paper 0146, it was decided to fund the following initiatives for quarter 2 delivery in 2020 from the Education Inclusion programme funding allocation:

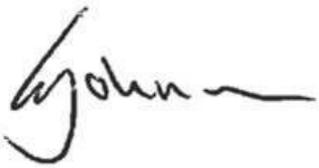
<b>Education Inclusion Programme Quarter 2 Spend</b>	
Kirklees – Yorkshire mentoring	8000.00
Leeds – St Giles SOS+	27645.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>35645.00</b>

From the remaining allocation was split across the 5 district areas through the Directors of Children’s Services to support interventions supporting this area of delivery:

<b>District</b>	<b>Total amount of funding allocated</b>	<b>Total amount of funding requested</b>
Bradford	44,036.00	44,036.00
Calderdale	13,516.00	13,500.00
Kirklees	49,050.00	45,000.00
Leeds	89,370.00	89,370.00
Wakefield	22,000.00	21,413.50
	<b>£217,972.00</b>	<b>£213,319.50</b>

**Requested Decision:**

The PCC considers the recommendation and agrees to fund **£213,319.50** across the attached partner initiatives aimed at educational inclusion.

Implications	Details / Comments	Officer Sign Off
Financial		Treasurer 
		Interim Chief Executive 
		Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner 

<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner Decision:</b></p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>Signature:</b></p>  <p><b>Title: Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire</b>  <b>Date: 6 August 2020</b></p>