



## POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

**DECISION 2019 - 17**

**DATE: 26 July 2019**

**TITLE: DRUG AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE FUNDING - BWD**

**REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH**

### **Executive Summary**

1. The Commissioner's revenue budget for 2019 – 20 includes a funding allocation to support drug and substance misuse services across Lancashire including a provision for the two unitary authorities Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Councils
2. The Commissioner invited applications for funding to be submitted from the Public Health Specialists within Councils for services that supported and complimented existing wider services around peer support and mentoring
3. Blackburn with Darwen – Public Health have submitted an application which seeks to support individuals in a number of structured schemes of support around peer mentoring, diversionary and first hand alternative pathways
4. This Decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £72,900 from the Tackling Crime and Reducing Reoffending Fund to the Recovery Infrastructure (RIO) via Lancashire County Council

### **Recommendations**

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Reducing Reoffending Fund as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature

*Clive Grunshaw*

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

*26th July 2019*

**PART I**

**1. Background and Advice**

Following previous years support for drug and substance misuse services across Lancashire via Lancashire County Council (LCC), Blackburn with Darwen (BWD) and Blackpool Councils. This application from BWD seeks continued funding to support this service

**2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

The application from BWD supports all four of the Police and Crime Commissioners priorities

**3. Consultation**

N/A

**4. Implications**

**a. Legal**

The award of these funds is in line with the Commissioner's Commissioning framework

**b. Financial**

The award is made from a budgeted allocation

**c. Equality considerations**

Equality data is currently gathered on all applications.



**5. Background Papers**

None.

**6. Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – As above</b>	
<b>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</b> I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.	
Signature..... 	Date.....26/7/2017

## **APPENDIX 1**

For a number of years the PCC's office (and prior to this the Police Authority via Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team [LDAAT])

In respect of Blackburn with Darwen, who are looking for a contribution to support the wider public health funding of £2,637,599 and forms part of the Inspire/Go 2 project and will focus on improving ACE awareness and ACE informed provision – from a victims perspective understanding the root causes of vulnerability and complexity and over the years has embedded this in the EmBRACE approach to addressing harmful and challenging behaviours with individuals who historically have offending, complex lifestyles and recidivism.

The project also aims to decrease drug related deaths and support the drug related death action plan.

All of this is intrinsically linked to the BWD Complex Case Hub alongside MASH, Childrens and Adult Social Care, Mental Health Services and Domestic Abuse Services – to improve outcomes for individuals, families and vulnerable people.

The funding is requested to support a number of schemes and is broken down as follows:

### **Scheme 1**

Improving ACE awareness/ACE informed workforce across BWD by revisiting the full training roll out for the Inspire/GO 2 team to an enhanced level including train the trainer on specifically raising ACE awareness by dedicated staff

Training costs – including facilitation, resources and staff time – 8 sessions = 96 people trained

Days/learning – committed for staff, peer mentoring and volunteers – to an advanced level in ACE and be a fully ACE aware and trauma informed service

Cost of venues

Management time costs

= £12,200

### **Scheme 2**

Drug related death reduction by administering of Naloxone kits and training via pharmacies and other agencies within BWD. Training will be extended to seven pharmacies and 14 individuals across BWD.

The idea would be to target and provide the opiate not in treatment population (662) with 2 kits x £15 per kit

= £19,860

### **Scheme 3**

Involvement in the delivery of the Complex Case Hub and ongoing developments to ensure a more joined up way of working, improved information sharing and the protection of vulnerable victims together with working with identified perpetrators who have identified substance misuse as a trigger to behaviours

Cost of specific resources/digital technology

Training and awareness costs  
=£2,500

#### **Scheme 4**

Review of prison discharge pathways for offenders with substance misuse issues and related offending behaviours. Working in partnership with prison healthcare, recovery networks and offender managers eg Shelter DWP.

Staff and management supervision costs to enhance the relations with prisons, prisoners  
Specific volunteers to increase mentor involvement  
= £7,340

#### **Scheme 5**

Working to focus on the understanding and raising awareness of co-occurring conditions in respect of mental health, substance misuse, health conditions and lifestyles – linked in to MEAM approach

Devise and deliver new training opportunities  
Colocation of staff and use of resources  
Workshops to promote MEAM approach  
Training to support delivery of workshops  
Development and increased use of digital education  
= £15500

#### **Scheme 6**

Reducing health inequality whilst improving parity of esteem – training and education for local police staff and criminal justice partners

52 outreach sessions with partners ( with local intelligence from CSPs, including ASB, vulnerable, isolated groups, frequent A & E attenders and extensive use of emergency services  
Specific volunteer recruitment outreach delivery  
Service promotion  
Interpreter costs for Asylum seekers  
= £15500

All of the above schemes amount to a total of £72,900

There is evidence to suggest that all these schemes are linked to all four of the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities

- 1 – allowing police officers to be deployed appropriately to their core area of business
- 2 – Improved prison discharge pathways supporting the process of reducing reoffending and the full extent of the ACE informed training and awareness principles
- 3 – Those individuals with ACEs and adult trauma, complex needs etc
- 4 – Reduce the stigma and raising awareness of complexities

There are many identified benefits to the support for these projects and this application is forwarded for recommendation for the contribution of £72,900 into the wider core treatment and support services of public health – BWD and continuation on previous years funding.

Performance updates will be provided quarterly with a mixture of score cards, action and delivery plans, testimonials etc.

There are a number of important milestones that will give the OPCC opportunity for 'reach' – appointment and training of peer mentors, no of staff trained in ACE, prison attrition rates, 24 workshops and relevant attendance monitoring.

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