

From: Matthew Scott, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner
To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel
Subject: Update on expenditure to support the Police and Crime Plan
Date: 20 July 2017



INTRODUCTION:

1. The commissioning allocations for 2017/18 are set out on page 19 of the '[Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan](#)'.
2. In accordance with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) also publishes all [expenditure over £500](#) via the website.
3. To support the Panel, and further to an initial report submitted to the 15 November 2016 meeting, this paper provides examples of how April to May 2017 published expenditure supports delivery of the 'Safer in Kent' plan priorities.
4. For information, the first three items were selected by Panel Officers on behalf of Members, with the last two being selected by the OPCC.

ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS, £19,750.00 – 29 April 2017:

5. The [Association of Police and Crime Commissioners](#) (APCC) is the national body that supports all Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), and other local policing bodies across England and Wales, to provide national leadership and influence change in the policing and criminal justice landscape. This is the membership subscription cost for 2017/18.
6. The APCC helps PCCs make the most of their ability to influence at a national level, and deliver on their Police and Crime Plans. It supports PCCs in providing leadership, and by sharing best practice and identifying opportunities to work together, or paying for services jointly, helps PCCs to be more efficient and effective.
7. The APCC offers the following services:
 - information on national policing policy issues and legislation;
 - consultation to enable development of policy positions and to influence change;
 - facilitates leadership on national governance structures such as the College of Policing, National Crime Agency and Police Professional Bodies;
 - assists in collaborating to share practice, procure services, and identify ways to achieve efficiencies through working together.
8. In November 2016, the APCC adopted a new portfolio approach in which individual PCCs were given responsibility for leading on national policy development in 21 portfolio areas. The Kent PCC is portfolio lead on Performance and deputy lead on Mental Health.
9. The APCC has also been trusted with the administration of the Police Transformation Fund and is actively engaged in pursuing PCC ambitions in the arenas of fire, criminal justice and health.
10. The APCC is supported by a small, focused team of policing policy professionals with a wide range of experience in representing the interests of local police governance bodies at a national level.

SALUS, £25,000.00 – 10 May 2017:

11. The previous Restorative Justice (RJ) contract ceased on 30 September 2016 and PCCs now receive Ministry of Justice funding to commission RJ schemes in their force area. The Kent PCC has taken the decision to review, refresh and re-launch RJ from 1 October 2017.

12. As a result, in November 2016, the PCC invited the public and partners to take part in a consultation to help understand the current RJ landscape and look for opportunities to develop and enhance future provision.
13. In April 2017, the PCC invited potential providers to tender to deliver RJ services from 1 October 2017. The deadline for bids has now passed and the OPCC is currently reviewing the submissions and will be making an announcement in due course.
14. However, there continued to be a need to deliver some RJ services from the point of the previous contract ending to the new service commencing. This includes support for existing Kent Police Youth Clinics which are focused on the delivery of out of court disposals to young people with the aim being that the outcomes are delivered restoratively.
15. [SALUS](#) were responsible for supporting the Youth Clinics process under the previous contract, and as a result had relevant systems, processes and policies in place to provide continuity of service.
16. Therefore, SALUS received this funding to continue delivering the service from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017.

SWALE ACTION TO END DOMESTIC ABUSE (SATEDA), £7,299.00 – 24 May 2017:

17. Following a successful award from the Victim Specialist Services Fund last year, this is the first instalment towards a total cost of £14,598 to support the continuation of a First Contact Coordinator post until March 2018. The second instalment is dependent on the OPCC receiving satisfactory monitoring reports.
18. Through their work with victims of domestic abuse, [SATEDA](#) has found that those who self-refer are most likely to make safe choices and become free from abuse. As a result of the Coordinators work in raising awareness of domestic abuse, there has been a continual increase in victims accessing services across the Swale District through One Stop Shops (OSS).
19. The Coordinator has developed and sustained additional 'drop in' sessions in areas of high reported domestic abuse where victims have traditionally felt isolated from accessing support. They have also enhanced partnership working, with sessions now taking place in children's centres and churches.
20. Clients primarily make contact via OSS and then go onto access other SATEDA services. Once free from abuse, clients are able to work with SATEDA's volunteer programme which supports and develops skills and resilience to empower them to support others and gain employment. SATEDA's ultimate aim is to ensure all victims are supported in relation to the abuse they're subjected to.
21. Outcomes from clients accessing OSS include:
 - 20% going on to receive free counselling from SATEDA
 - 33% seeing a complete end to their abuse
 - 54% reporting an improvement in their emotional wellbeing
22. This funding will enable the Coordinator to develop more partnerships and ensure aspects such as mental health support and welfare benefits assistance are available at every OSS. They will also work with hard to reach client groups (e.g. those with mental health issues, young people), and develop more diverse access methods through the use of technology.

BARCLAYCARD, £2,233.78 – 26 May 2017:

23. Following an absence of several years, this was to fund a stand at the Kent County Show held on Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July at the Kent Showground, Detling.
24. The OPCC and Kent Police were joint exhibitors at the three-day event, with opportunities for the public to:
 - personally meet the PCC;
 - chat to the Kent Police Recruitment Team about a career in policing and/or voluntary roles; and
 - discuss online safety with the Cyber-crime team.In addition, there were activities for children focussed on how to stay safe online.

25. The PCC is committed to keeping the 'Safer in Kent' plan under review and regularly updated in line with what local communities want. As a result, the event presented an excellent opportunity to engage with up to 80,000 show visitors on those policing issues that matter most; how much they think is a fair amount to pay towards policing through their council tax; and on some ideas raised during last year's 'Safer in Kent' consultation.
26. It was also an excellent opportunity for Kent Police to highlight career opportunities and promote recruitment into paid roles, including police officers, Police Community Support Officers and Force Control Room staff, as well as volunteering opportunities with the Special Constabulary and Speedwatch.

MEDWAY DOMESTIC ABUSE, 2,860.00 – 26 May 2017:

27. This funding is to support Medway Domestic Abuse Forum's programme for women who have been victims of domestic abuse, have left their abuser and are struggling to cope with the after effects and impact it has had on their lives.
28. Women who have experienced and lived with domestic abuse frequently say that the hardest part of recovery is dealing with the psychological distress caused by the abuse. It affects how a woman perceives herself, how she uses her parenting skills and can leave her with issues around trust, boundaries and respectful relationships, sometimes contributing to repeat victimisation.
29. The Recovery Toolkit is a 12 week programme designed to assist women who are survivors of domestic abuse to look at ways to develop positive lifestyle coping strategies. The programme aims to give victims the tools to enable long term recovery and support resilience within themselves and their children.
30. Quite simply, it helps participants understand the impact of having experienced domestic abuse, explaining why they were unable to leave an abusive relationship and the thinking patterns they developed as a method of managing the risk which can hold them back moving forwards.
31. The programme accepts referrals from any partner agency including police, social care, health and the voluntary sector with the victim's consent, but the women must commit to attending the full course to achieve the maximum benefit.
32. The Recovery Toolkit has been running nationally for over 8 years and has a proven track record of supporting women recover from the trauma associated with having experienced domestic abuse and positively moving on with their lives.