

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: 19 July 2018



Introduction:

1. The commissioning allocations for 2018/19 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 also publishes all [expenditure over £500](#) via the website.
3. Further to previous reports, this paper provides examples of how recent published expenditure supports delivery of the Safer in Kent Plan priorities.
4. For information, the following items were selected by Panel Officers on behalf of Members.

The Police ICT Company Ltd, £60,000.00 – 10 April 2018:

5. Launched in 2015, [The Police Information & Communications Technology \(ICT\) Company](#) is a private company limited by guarantee, established, owned and funded by Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to support policing and make the public safer through better ICT.
6. The role of The Company is to help policing make better use of ICT by:
 - Creating a bridge between the policing, technological and commercial worlds;
 - Helping the service buy better ICT, manage it effectively and exploit new opportunities quickly;
 - Aiming to cut the costs of police ICT, reduce duplication and improve collaboration; and
 - Improving the public's experience of dealing with the police.Ultimately, it aims to pay more back into policing than is paid into the Company.
7. All but one of the police forces in England and Wales are members of the Company, and additional members include the British Transport Police Authority, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the National Crime Agency. The Company also has a close working relationship with the [Association of Police and Crime Commissioners](#) (APCC).
8. The Company Board is chaired by Katy Bourne, Sussex PCC and funding comes from three primary sources:
 - The 'Core' services are funded by members' subscription, which for 2018/19 was a flat rate fee of £60,000 per member.
 - Funding for other services (i.e. new work programmes and commissions) comes from bids for grants available through sources such as the Home Office Innovation and Transformation Fund. The Company has also been asked to carry out work for national programmes and to support forces' ICT improvements, for which specific funding is provided.
 - Income is received from participants in commercial deals that the Company negotiates on behalf of policing and this is used to pay suppliers for services and products.
9. Achievements to date include:
 - Adobe – Single Enterprise Licence Agreement, currently being used by 26 forces, with savings in excess of £1m per annum.
 - IBM i2 Agreement – Work begun by the Home Office, and carried on by the Company, resulting in one contract for policing (instead of 122), with estimated saving of £3m.
 - VMware – Single Enterprise Licence Agreement, currently being used by 34 forces, with savings in excess of £1.5m.
 - Review of Invoicing – Identified savings through invoice consolidation across 12 suppliers; potential £2.6m savings if taken up nationally.

10. Each year, in conjunction with the National Police Technology Council, the Company arranges a summit to allow stakeholders in policing to come together and discuss how technology can be used to enable transformational reform in policing and blue light services. In addition, information technology providers are invited to the summit, therefore providing an opportunity for policing and the industry to meet and discuss new requirements, issues and solutions.
11. The Company also hosts a knowledgehub that allows those in policing:
 - to share knowledge, learning and good practice, outside the public domain; and
 - to find and exchange information on local and national IT programmes and systems, including research, collaboration and procurement opportunities.

The Police ICT Company Ltd, £29,357.06 – 18 April 2018:

12. As outlined above, one of the functions of The Police ICT Company is to act as a bridge between the policing, technological and commercial worlds, and in particular, to secure value for money by helping police forces get the best deal from suppliers.
13. A good example of this is the IBM i2 agreement to which this funding relates.
14. The IBM i2 agreement initially came into effect in 2015, when the Home Office and APCC jointly managed it with support from The Police ICT Company. It consolidated 122 separate data software agreements with police forces into a single overarching one.
15. Now overseen by The Company, the one master agreement has been extended by a further two years and has enabled:
 - around 130,000 police officers in the UK all to have access to additional new software;
 - continuous technical support and training from IBM;
 - savings of up to £110,000 per police force;as well as allowing other national law enforcement agencies to access integrated data.
16. The i2 analytical software helps officers and staff to quickly collate, analyse and visualise different sets of data such as telephone records, bank account activity, custody and intelligence, to show complicated links and relationships between criminals who may be involved in the drug trade or in organised crime. It provides a single view across many systems, which enables the identification of threats earlier and a quicker, targeted response to be initiated, reducing the potential for harm to the public, local communities and national security.

Dandelion Time, £16,258.50 – 18 April 2018:

17. In February 2018 the PCC offered organisations in receipt of 2017/18 funding from the Victim Specialist Services (VSS) Fund the opportunity to bid for a one year continuation grant. Organisations were asked to submit a business case which required details on outcomes achieved and expected, continued need for the project, lessons learnt and sustainability.
18. [Dandelion Time](#) were invited to bid for a continuation grant for their project providing specialist farm-based therapeutic programmes for children and their carers who have been victims of abuse or domestic violence. The activities are designed to help children and carers overcome trauma, gain greater confidence and achieve new skills to build resilience.
19. Dandelion Time were awarded £32,517 through the 2018/19 VSS Fund and the grant conditions for the award state payment will be made in two equal instalments. The second instalment being paid on receipt of satisfactory monitoring at the mid-point stage - 30 September 2018.
20. Since April 2017 the project has received 52 referrals from various sources including the police, social services and schools. 30 of these referrals were part funded through the VSS grant provided by the PCC in 2017/18. The referrals came from across the county but primarily from Mid and West Kent due to the location of the service.

21. The service sets goal based outcomes under the categories of emotional, relationships and behavioural. These enable families to set their own individual targets to work towards. On average all families showed a significant improvement across all the goal categories from their initial and final scores, with the greatest improvements in the emotional and relationships goals.
22. During 2018/19, support will be provided to 30 families with children aged between 6-14 years who are suffering from the emotional impact of abuse and domestic violence. The support is provided individually with families and in small groups of 2-3 families. They attend a half-day session weekly for 10-15 weeks.

SignHealth, £15,944.50 – 18 April 2018:

23. [Signhealth](#) were also invited to bid for a continuation grant (as per paragraph 17) for their project DeafHope, which provides a specialist Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) able to offer support in sign language. This support includes crisis and 1:1 intervention, survivor workshops to enable victims to share their experiences, plus outreach support to help victims rebuild their lives.
24. They also provide Young DeafHope, which is designed to educate deaf children on healthy relationships, staying safe, bullying, cyber-bullying, sexting and abuse.
25. SignHealth were awarded £31,889 through the 2018/19 VSS Fund and the grant conditions for the award state payment will be made in two equal instalments. The second instalment being paid on receipt of satisfactory monitoring at the mid-point stage - 30 September 2018.
26. In 2017/18, 12 deaf victims received IDVA support through crisis intervention. Healthy relationships support was provided to 18 deaf adults, male and female. 27 young people were supported through workshops, and deaf awareness training was provided to 40 professionals, including in hospitals, refuges and victim services.
27. In 2018/19 they aim to support 15 deaf victims and their children through crisis IDVA intervention, support 30 deaf young people through workshops and 25 deaf women and men through healthy relationship workshops.
28. Evaluations of the service identify that 100% of victims feel more empowered, with increased levels of self-confidence, self-esteem and more able to live independent lives, as a result of the support received. In addition, 98% of young deaf people demonstrated a far greater understanding of what constitutes abuse and where to go for help.