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To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel
Subject: Update on expenditure to support the Police and Crime Plan
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Introduction:

1. In accordance with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) publishes all [spends and grants over £500](#) via the website.
2. Alongside this, [all grant allocations and commissioned service expenditure](#) is also published on 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 first three items were selected by Panel Officers on behalf of Members; the last item was selected by the OPCC.

Expenditure Overview:

5. All of the expenditure selected for this paper relates to the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Safer in Kent Plan priorities 'Enhance services for victims of crime and abuse' and 'Invest in schemes that make people safer and reduce re-offending'.
6. The funds provided for the allocations are identified in the Commissioning Strategy which provides a strategic overview of the PCC's commissioning intentions for the financial year 2021/22.
7. Monitoring of projects is undertaken during the year with outcomes reported at 6 and 12 months. Mid-year monitoring for the identified projects is not available as it is scheduled to be provided at the end of September.

Violence Reduction Fund (VRF):

8. The VRF was a 3-year fund, which opened in April 2019, to statutory organisations, community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises. The VRF had a maximum bid, per organisation, of £35,000 per year for each of the three years.
9. Bids were required to demonstrate how they would address the four following themes in relation to violence reduction:
 - Prevention
 - Engagement / Education
 - Enforcement
 - Rehabilitation
10. Recipients of the VRF are required to submit mid-year and year end monitoring detailing the outcomes achieved. The provision of funding each year was subject to the submission of satisfactory monitoring and updated delivery plans.
11. All of the following organisations met the criteria and are now in receipt of their final year's funding.

Crimestoppers Trust - £17,500 - 19/05/21

12. This is the first payment (of two) for the continuation of their Fearless Project. Fearless is the young people's service of Crimestoppers which educates and empowers 11-17 year olds by increasing their awareness around crime.
13. In Kent they are focusing on gangs and their impact on young people. Their mission is to educate young people about the effects of crime and criminality, whilst empowering them with the knowledge that they have a choice to be fearless against crime. The Fearless Project gives them the confidence and ability to report

crime safely and 100% anonymously. Young people can do this by completing a secure online form via their website, www.fearless.org, or by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

14. Working in local secondary schools, the project targets those young people who are at risk of exclusion or becoming involved in criminality. Evidence indicates that they are likely to come from areas of high deprivation and to have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences such as dysfunctional home environments, witnessing violence or suffering early neglect.

Uprising Youth & Community CIO - £16,000 - 19/05/21

15. This is the first payment (of two) for their Metanoia Project: Mind, Heart, Action. The project challenges young people's views of knife crime and gang culture, educating them on the potential risks they can put themselves at and encouraging them to make the correct choices.
16. It is based on the life story of a reformed gang member from London who works for Uprising and whose experience clearly demonstrates the impact that knife crime, gang life and drugs can have. The project is delivered through assemblies, targeted workshops and mentoring with referrals coming through schools, social services, the police and various other agencies.

Reform, Restore, Respect - £5,000 - 19/05/21

17. This is the first payment (of two) for their 'I didn't know that' project. Reform, Restore, Respect delivers 90-minute workshops to Year 6 pupils in primary schools as well as single/double period workshops to all age groups in secondary schools, colleges, youth hubs, behavioural units and pupil referral units.
18. The content of the Year 6 workshops is based on issues which may directly affect them as they 'transition' from primary to secondary, where, as the youngest age group they can be easily led by older students and external negative influences.
19. For older age groups, the lead is a reformed individual who in his own words 'made wrong decisions in life' and has experience of serving a custodial sentence. Calling on personal experience they drive home that crime is wrong, gangs are not cool, drugs are a menace, all forms of violence are completely unacceptable and the consequences of breaking the law. By using videos, media images and interaction, they impact on young people's negative thought processes and show them that crime is not an option.

Victim Specialist Services (VSS):

20. Recipients of the VSS funding were asked to submit a business case in early 2021. The business case required evidence of continued need and of outcomes achieved in 2020/21; submissions were then evaluated and those that were successful awarded funding for a 12-month period.
21. The criteria for funding was as follows:
- Meet the support needs of victims or, as appropriate, family members and act in their interests;
 - Be free of charge and confidential;
 - Be non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality or citizenship);
 - Be available whether or not a crime had been reported to the police;
 - Be available before, during and for an appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings;
 - Demonstrate collaborative working with other providers to ensure joined up service delivery and referral pathways;
 - Demonstrate innovative and evidence based working practices;
 - Show an understanding and ability to respond to emerging trends, crime types and new working practices; and
 - Deliver clear outcome reporting.
22. Payment was made in one instalment, with a requirement to submit mid-year and end of year monitoring.

Signhealth - £26,111.58 – 25/06/21

23. This is a continuation of their existing service in Kent, which supports deaf people who are experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse or sexual violence. It also provides preventative education workshops for deaf

adults and children, to raise awareness of domestic abuse and empower clients to recognise different forms of abuse, understand where to report it and develop the tools to form healthy relationships.

24. The service uses predominantly British Sign Language but also supports those deaf people who have different communication preferences.
25. The project connects with mainstream services and domestic abuse organisations through cross-referral and signposting and receives referrals from other agencies, including the police. This reduces the barriers deaf people face in using public services and navigating the criminal justice system.

Recommendation:

26. The Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel is asked to note this report.