



DECISION: 2017-10	DATE: 29th June, 2017
TITLE:	COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS NORTH WEST – TRANSITIONS SOLUTIONS
REPORT BY:	LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH CRIME, REOFFENDING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEAD

Executive Summary

The Commissioner has a statutory duty to publish a Police and Crime Plan which sets out the priorities for Lancashire. The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 outlines the following priorities:

1. Protect local policing
2. Tackling crime and reoffending
3. Supporting vulnerable people and victims
4. Developing safe and confident communities

The Commissioner has supported numerous initiatives to help tackle crime and reoffending. For example allocating monies to the three top tier authorities annually towards substance misuse services specifically for peer support and mentoring or abstinence based programmes.

Community Solutions North West support individuals with complex needs within the Criminal Justice System. Research shows that many individuals trigger points relate to life transitions that have occurred such as bereavement, health problems and family break downs.

Community Solutions North West will deliver a project that works with the most vulnerable people delivering both group and individual mentoring sessions with the aim to improve mental, emotional and physical health.

This decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £39,500 from the Crime & Reoffending Budget for the project outlined in Appendix A.

Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the use of £39,500 from the Crime & Reoffending budget to support the Transitions Solutions project as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature

Clive Ashford

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

3rd July 2017

1. Background and Advice

The £183,589.00 Transitions Solutions project is an in-depth life transitions service which will support individuals facing life transitions such as bereavement through a 12 weeks intensive support programme followed by nine months of gradually reducing support until the individual is making positive progress.

Community Solutions North West will offer support through both group and 1 to 1 mentoring sessions, grief and loss counselling and wraparound support. As well as physical activity sessions being delivered by qualified sports coaches following the 'Street Fit' model which enables participants to concentrate on their physical health in turn having a positive influence on their mental health. The 'Street Fit' approach provides participants with a number of exercises they can do at home alone or in a group on a local park.

Community Solutions North West have obtained match funding from both the Big Lottery Fund and the Henry Smith Charitable Trust.

The Commissioner previously provided £124,323.79 funding to Community Solutions North West for the InterConnect programme which supported 798 vulnerable ex-offenders at the risk of re-offending. The Police and Crime Commissioner visited Community Solutions North West along with Officers from the OPCC who was impressed with the progress on the project.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The allocation of this funding demonstrates the Commissioner's commitment to supporting projects which help deliver the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

The Transition Solutions project will target the most isolated and vulnerable members of the community with the aim to improve mental, emotional and physical health with the aim to prevent offending.

Priorities supported: Tackling crime and reoffending
Supporting vulnerable people

3. Consultation

4. Implications

a. Legal

None to consider.

b. Financial

To approve the use of £39,500 from the Crime and Reoffending budget.

This grant applications is compliant with the PCC's commissioning framework, and is being co-commissioned with other funding priorities.

c. Equality considerations



None to consider.

5. Background Papers

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.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Signature  Date <u>3.7.2017</u></p>	