



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION 2020-19	DATE: 15 September 2020
TITLE: LOCAL DRUG INTERVENTION SERVICE (LDIS)	
REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH	

Executive Summary

The Commissioner's revenue budget for 2020/21 includes an allocation of funding in respect of Priority 2 – Tackling Crime and Reducing Reoffending.

In 2019 following an initial advisory group including Public Health England report advising on the concept of a local drug alert scheme (LDIS) such a scheme was introduced with contributing partners of the PCC, LCC, BWD and Blackpool.

Funding this scheme has proved invaluable to all partner agencies to receive strategic professional information that demonstrates more than just the patterns and trends of drugs available. It has also provided advice in respect of treatment and support for those individuals who present themselves with complex needs and are homeless in respect of Covid19 precautions in addition to warnings of dangerous drugs being made available.

It is therefore requested that the Commissioner contributes £2500 for a further 12 months in line with the other authorities to maintain this invaluable service.

Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Reducing Reoffending Fund.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 21st September 2020

PART I

1. Background and Advice

In January 2016 an advisory group working with Public Health England produced a report entitled 'Drug Alerts and Local Drug Information Systems' and supporting a Local Drug Information System (LDIS). An agreed LDIS uses consistent and efficient processes for sharing and assessing information and issues warnings where appropriate.

In 2019 such a system was set up for Lancashire for contributions from the PCC, LCC, BWD and Blackpool council to support such a scheme for Lancashire. All agencies have been in receipt of immediate strategic advice in respect of drugs flooding the vulnerable community, the medical advice to support care and withdrawal together with more recently key advice in respect of the treatment for our most vulnerable individuals with complex needs in line with Covid19 conditions.

Since the initial implementation this scheme has been able to move to a multi -agency systematic approach and a further year's contribution of £2,500 would see this work continuing.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

This application links directly to Priority 2 – Tackling Crime and Reducing Reoffending, Priority 3 – Protecting Vulnerable People and Priority 4 – Developing Safe and Confident Communities.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

None to consider.

b. Financial

Contained in the report above.

c. Equality considerations

Equality data is currently gathered on all applications.

5. Background Papers


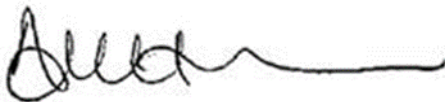
None.

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.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 21 st September 2020
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer) 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: 21st September 2020</p>	