



## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>DECISION: 65/2025</b>	<b>DATE: 13/01/2026</b>
<b>TITLE:</b> OPCC contribution to LCC commissioned children and young peoples substance misuse services	
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<b>SPONSOR:</b> Steve Freeman – Chief Finance Officer	
<b>Executive Summary</b>  The Police and Crime Commissioner currently contributes £265,000 per annum to the Lancashire County Council (LCC) commissioned Children and Young People's (CYP) Substance Misuse Service, representing 21% of the total contract value (£1,278,530). This paper provides an overview of the current service and proposed extension to this contribution.	
<b>Recommendation</b>  The PCC is recommended to continue funding for the Lancashire CYP Substance Misuse Service for a further 12 months (2026/27), issuing a 1 year grant agreement at the same value as 2025/26.	

## **PART I**

### **1. Background and Advice**

The Police and Crime Commissioner currently contributes £265,000 per annum to the Lancashire County Council (LCC) commissioned Children and Young People's (CYP) Substance Misuse Service, representing 21% of the total contract value (£1,278,530). Contributions to the service have been made since prior to 2017. The service provides specialist, trauma-informed treatment and support for young people up to age 25 across the LCC area, addressing substance misuse alongside mental health, safeguarding, exploitation, family issues, and offending. The Service is commissioned by LCC and delivered by With You.

Service Model:

The service operates on a three-strand approach:

1. Prevention, Wellbeing, and Early Help
2. Treatment
3. Life Skills, Peer Mentoring, Housing, and Recovery Support

It offers a range of interventions including harm reduction, psychosocial support, prescribing, mental health services (including CBT), outreach, education, and recovery support. The service is integrated with wider drug and alcohol systems and works closely with multi-agency partners such as social care, police, education, health, and youth justice.

Performance Monitoring:

Managed by LCC Public Health, the service tracks KPIs including numbers in treatment, safeguarding outcomes, mental health improvements, reductions in risky behaviours and self-harm, and engagement of vulnerable groups.

The Commissioner is recommended to continue PCC funding for 12 months from April 2026-March 2027, by issuing updated grant agreement to LCC.

As a condition of continued funding, the OPCC will work with commissioners and the provider to develop mechanisms for evidencing impact on PCC priorities particularly reductions in crime, exploitation, and offending behaviours. The OPCC will continue to engage with local commissioners and monitor responsibility intentions for legacy planning for wider CYP Substance Misuse Services

### **2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

The service supports PCC objectives on crime prevention and tackling serious violence by addressing underlying drivers such as substance misuse, exploitation, and vulnerability. It contributes to safer communities and reduced policing demand through early intervention and improved wellbeing outcomes.

### **3. Consultations**

Not applicable.

### **4. Implications:**

#### **a. Legal**

Grant Agreement can be found at Appendix B.

#### **b. Financial**

Continuation of £265,000 on Grant Agreement for 12 months.

#### **c. Equality Impact Assessment**

As reflected in the LCC EIA.

#### **d. Data Protection Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

### **5 Risk Management**

### **6. Background Papers**

Appendix a – Internal briefing paper – restricted.

### **7. Public access to information**

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<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – As above</b>	
<b>Author</b>  <div>Signature: Rebecca Keech</div> <div>Date: 13.01.26</div>	
<b>Sponsor</b>  I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct.  <div>Signature: Steve Freeman</div> <div>Date: 13.01.26</div>	
<b>Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</b>  I have read the above report and have considered the financial implications. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate (financial) request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.  <div>Signature: Steve Freeman</div> <div>Date: 13.01.26</div>	
<b>Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire</b>  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.  <div>Signature: Anna Hopkins</div> <div>Date: 13.01.26</div>	