

**OPCC’s Commissioning Intentions 2024/25**

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| **Purpose** | To propose Commissioning Intentions for the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner for 2024/25, with recommendations and considerations for decision making.  |
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**Introduction**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) is elected by the public and holds legal responsibility for setting policing priorities for Gwent Police through the Police and Crime Plan (P&CP). The P&CP 2021-25 has been developed in partnership with the Chief Constable and in consultation with the public and our partners. The document set out priorities for the PCC during their term which sets the context and direction for the commissioning. The new PCC for Gwent was elected in May 2024 and as such, a new P&CP to 2029 is currently being developed, which will impact upon future commissioning intentions.

The PCC commissions a portfolio of services annually to support delivery of the priorities and outcomes outlined in the P&CP. These services are delivered by external providers via grants or contracts; or delivered in-house through projects or staff roles.

This document sets out the PCC’s Commissioning Intentions for 2024/25. The recommendations contained within have been developed through engagement with Gwent Police and external partners, before being approved through internal governance arrangements with final sign-off at the PCC’s Strategic Management Board (SMB).

**Commissioning Budget**

Annually, the PCC receives a ‘core’ grant from the Home Office (HO), the local policing precept and other income that the PCC is entitled to receive. Most of this funding is allocated to Gwent Police for the provision of policing services. A smaller budget is retained for delivering the functions of the OPCC. Commissioned services will be commissioned from both the Force’s and the OPCC’s budget. Annually, the PCC also receives a Victims Services Grant from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to commission Victims Support Services in Gwent.

The Commissioner also attracts external funding from agencies such as the HO, the MOJ or Welsh Government, this may be funding on a shorter-term basis to address specific areas of concern or initiatives, as well as funding from partners for co-commissioned services.

In 2024/25 the PCC’s commissioning budget for commissioning services is £9.75m, this is made up of the following income streams:

* Commissioner’s Core budget;
* Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Victims’ Services Core Grant;
* MoJ Specific Grant;
* Partners’ Contributions;
* Home Office (HO) Grant;
* Welsh Government (WG) Grant;
* Proceeds of Crime monies; and
* Commissioner’s Reserves and Committed Funds.

The Commissioning Budget 2024/25 Spreadsheet includes a detailed breakdown of the sources and application of each funded / commissioned area.



**Commissioning Portfolio – Analysis 2024/2025**

The below table shows analysis of the commissioned services for 2024/25. The vast majority of commissioned service are Gwent-wide services which are accessible to anyone in the Gwent Police Force area. A small number of grants awarded via the Positive Impact Fund (PIF) and the Police Community Fund (PCF) will be local grants that are for the benefit of a specific local area.

The majority of commissioned services are contributing toward the Keeping Neighbourhood Safe and Supporting Victims and Protecting the Vulnerable PCC Priorities.

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| **Spend by Priority** | **PCC** | **%** |
| Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe | 4,228,501 | 62% |
| Combat Serious Crime | 1,063,497 | 15% |
| Support Victims and Protect the Vulnerable | 1,575,811 | 23% |
| Increase Community Confidence in Policing | 0 | 0% |
| Drive Sustainable Policing | 0 | 0% |
| **Total** | **6,867,809** | **100%** |

The table below shows spend against key thematic areas.

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| **Main Crime and Community Safety Theme**  | **PCC** | **%** |
| General Crime and Community Safety | 2,016,024 | 29% |
| ASB | 1,697,040 | 25% |
| Serious Violence | 438,439 | 6% |
| VAWDASV | 1,612,677 | 23% |
| Criminal Justice | 18,000 | 0% |
| Youth Justice | 218,400 | 3% |
| Substance Misuse | 867,229 | 13% |
| **Total** | **6,867,809** | **100%** |

This table shows the commissioning spend broken down by main commissioning strand.

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| **Main Commissioning Strand** | **PCC** | **%** |
| Crime Prevention/Education | 2,121,248 | 31% |
| Reducing Offending  | 2,634,581 | 38% |
| Victim Services - General | 421,129 | 6% |
| Victim Services - Specialist | 1,154,682 | 17% |
| Partnership Contribution | 536,169 | 8% |
| **Total** | **6,867,809** | **100%** |

The table below shows the primary beneficiary of the commissioned service.

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| **Primary beneficiary** | **PCC** | **%** |
| Adult (>18) | 2,680,541 | 39% |
| Children & Young People (<18) | 1,107,877 | 16% |
| All Ages | 3,079,391 | 45% |
| **Total** | **6,867,809** | **100%** |

The below table shows the funding source of the commissioning budget. This includes partnership funding for co-commissioned services where Gwent is the commissioning lead but where part of the service may be delivered either outside of Gwent Police Force area or is for the primary benefit of a partner organisation.

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| **Spend by Budget Source** | **PCC** | **%** |
| PCC - Base budget | 2,935,867 | 30% |
| PCC - Grant funding | 3,931,942 | 40% |
| PCC - Partnership funding for co-commissioned services | 2,883,295 | 30% |
| **Total** | **9,751,104** | **100%** |

This analysis was taken from the below spreadsheet.

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**Commissioning Intentions 2024/25**

*Commissioned Services*

The PCC commissions a portfolio of services which support delivery of the P&CP priorities. Services are secured following a grant or procurement process to secure the requirement; or grant funding can be strategically allocated to partners using a prescribed formula in order to support delivery of shared priorities.

The below table details the PCC intended commissioned services for 2024/25. It shows how they align to the P&CP priorities; the budget allocation required to continue commissioning; and any considerations / recommendations in relation to commissioning for 2024/25.

| **Primary Priority & Thematic Area** | **Commissioning Intention and Strategic and Policy Context**  | **Commissioning Approach, Governance and Activity** | **Outputs & Outcomes** | **Budget Allocation 2024/25 (£)** | **Considerations & Recommendation** |
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| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Diversionary Services.Women services & 18-25 | To provide a comprehensive approach to diversion including the assessment and triage service, as well as support services to reduce reoffending for women and young adults aged 18-25.This supports commitments made by the PCC to work with WG and MOJ to transform the justice system in Wales for women through implementation of the Women’s Justice Blueprint.This intention also in part assists us in readiness for the upcoming changes to the National Police Chiefs’ Council two-tier+ framework which puts emphasis on reducing reoffending by addressing criminogenic need through assessment and support. The Whole system approach (WSA) 18-25 contract is the only form of robust assessment that we have to assess offender needs currently.  | The current contract ending in March 2024 is jointly commissioned with South Wales PCC, Welsh Government (WG) and HMPSS, with Gwent OPCC as the procurement lead. Recommissioning to procure a service for April 2024 was completed and a 3 year plus 1 contract has been awarded to The Nelson Trust. The Nelson Trust will work in partnership with Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT), St Giles, BTheChange & Media Academy Cymru (MAC) to provide Gwent & South Wales with an innovative service solution. The contract includes the following services: the Women’s Whole System (WSA) Approach, the 18-25 Early Interventions Service (EIS), HMPPS’s statutory Commissioned Rehabilitations Services and HMPPS and WG jointly funded Family ties provision This is intended to be a three year contract until March 2027 with the option to extend by one year until March 2028.Lot 1 will be a contract between Gwent and SW OPCC and HMPPS. Gwent OPCC will pay the provider and invoice partners (SWOPCC and HMPPS and grant from WG) for their contributions to the contract. Contract management for Lot 1 will be led by HMPPSThe governance for the re-commissioning exercise and management of the contract is via the WSA 18-25 Commissioning Board. Force leads at the governance arrangements and the day to day delivery of contract and recommissioning are the Supt Head of Criminal Justice andInspector for Offender Services.Welsh Government contribute to the funding of this service and decisions are made at Blueprint and WSA 18-25 Commissioning Board. | An independent evaluation of the service was undertaken by Cordis Bright in 2022 and highlighted a number of positive findings, included notable improvements in personal outcomes for those referred, including improvements in mental health and wellbeing, physical health and family relationships. One recommendation made by the evaluation was to better analyse re-offending data of those accessing the service. Between July-Sept 23 the data indicates that 18% of those referred to the 18-25 service and of 8.1% of those referred to WSA had re-offended within 12 months of leaving the service. During the period October 2022-September 2023, there were 614 referrals into the 18-25 Early Intervention Service and 1,136 referrals into the Women’s Pathfinder WSA across South Wales and Gwent. 522 referrals were made from Gwent.The Service has 4 KPIs, and their performance against these for the period July-Sept 2023 exceeded the target.KPIs* Percentage of referrals received for diversion will be provided with initial engagement or attempted initial engagement within 72 hours**Required Standard: 90%Service average: 98%**
* Percentage of referrals received for support will be provided with initial engagement or attempted initial engagement within 72 hours**Required Standard: 90%Service average: 98.5%**
* Percentage of service users who have a lifestyle plan in place identifying the individuals’ priority support needs and appropriate interventions.**Required Standard: 70%Service average: 100%**
* Percentage of service users that made positive progress towards achieving one or more outcomes within the period they receive support.

 **Required Standard: 70% Service average: 94%**Assault and drug offences are the most common crime types for both WSA and 18-25 EIS. With Assault making up 28% of all referrals and Drug offences making up 14% of all referrals.For both young adults and women mental health and accommodation are the two consistent lead needs.The primary method of support is one-to-one support, with a total 3,173 one to one sessions being delivered during the 12 month period.Between Jan 23 – Dec 23 89% of service users who engaged with the WSA service and 91% who engaged with the 18-25 service were found to make positive progress towards achieving one or more of the following outcomes within the period they received support.* Better emotional and physical health and wellbeing;
* Strengthened positive relationships;
* Enhanced life skills; or
* Increased safety.
 | **£345,803** of Commissioner’s core funding for new service, contributing to a total commissioned service cost of £2,557,711 with partnership funding.  | Commitments have been made via the South Wales and Gwent Women’s WSA and 18-25 Commissioning Group to continue the Women’s WSA and 18-25 EIS until Sep 2027.**Recommendation is to continue with commitment to provide these services.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Diversionary Services. | To pilot a targeted approach to those who have committed low-level offences and potential risk of offending behaviour escalating.This intention in part assists us in readiness for the upcoming changes to the National Police Chiefs’ Council two-tier+ framework which puts emphasis on reducing reoffending by addressing criminogenic need through assessment and support. | An Out of Court Disposal (OoCD) pilot began in April 2021 and will continue until Sep 2023. This pilot has been attached to the WSA 1825 contract and delivered by F4 alongside the main contract.The pilot is jointly funded 50:50 with Probation and Policing across South Wales and Gwent.An evaluation of the service is being considered by partners at a cost of £26,093.The governance for this pilot is via the WSA 18-25 Commissioning Board. Force leads at the governance arrangements and the day to day delivery of contract and recommissioning are Supt Head of Criminal Justice and Inspector Offender Services. | A proposal paper was approved by the WSA and 1825 Commissioners Board, around undertaking an end of pilot review of Revolving Door. This paper is currently being collated with the aim of having a report before the summer of 2024. The Inspector for Offender Services from Gwent Police has been involved in the steering group | £0 | **Outcome? DGP /ET** |
| Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe // Substance misuse.Gwent Drug & Alcohol Service | To provide support for those in the criminal justice system to address their substance misuse with the intention of reducing reoffending.The Home Office Harm to Hope strategy put substance misuse on a high level footing in policing and looks to increase PCC focus in the area. This intention in part demonstrated our commitment to reducing substance misuse.The PCC is an invited member of the Area Planning Board (APB) established in 2010 under the Welsh Government Substance Misuse Strategy. This intention co-commissioned via the APB supports the forum’s key aims of strengthening partnership working; strategic leadership; enhancing and improving planning, commissioning and performance management. | The OPCC commissions the criminal justice element of the service with Probation via the APB. The service was recommissioned in April 2022.The service is delivered by a consortium, with the criminal justice element being delivered by G4S. Newport City Council hold the contract.The focus of commissioning activity will be ongoing monitoring of the contract and undertaking re-offending analysis to determine reoffending rate for the service.The governance for this contract is via the APB. The APB Team hold a contract management meeting with commissioning partners and risk, challenges and performance are escalated to the APB. The APB is attended by DPCC and Force representation by Supt Head of Criminal Justice.. Supt Head of Criminal Justice and Inspector Offender Services attend the contract management meetings and operational meetings in relation to the contract. | During the past 9 months (April 23 - Dec 23) 795 referrals have been received. 88 of these are police referrals and the remainder HMPPS/ community referrals. The Early Intervention teams based in Newport and Ystrad Mynach custody suites saw 2,491 people in this period and staff were able to positively engage with 86% of these, making referrals and signposting as appropriate.Heroin, cocaine and alcohol continue to be the lead substances used by people accessing supportOf the exits between Jan 23 – Dec 23, the percentage of service users making positive changes in each outcome area (shown as percentage of total service users) is shown below:* Alcohol misuse – 37%
* Substance misuse – 35%
* Offending - 51%
* Health and Wellbeing – 55%
* Accommodation – 21%
* Finance – 36%
* Relationships – 36%
* Education/employment – 34%
* Attitude (behavioural patterns) – 43%
 | **£867,229** of Commissioner’s core funding, contributing to a total criminal justice commissioned service value of £1,438,616, including Probation’s contribution to the service. | Commitments have been made via the APB to jointly commission this service, the current contract is in place until March 2025.**Recommendation is to continue with commitment to provide these services.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Community Safety.Safer Gwent (CSP) | To contribute to the work of key community safety partners working together to deliver projects and services across the five local authorities, that will support the delivery of the priorities of the P&CP.The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that PCC’s must develop a Police and Crime Plan which deals with issues prevalent in local communities. as such the first priority in the P&CP 2021-25 is *Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe*, and funding the Community Safety Partnerships is a primary mechanism through which that priority is delivered.At a national level the previous PCC was the joint Association of Police and Crime Commissioners’ lead for local policing. This encompasses community safety and as such, it is important for the PCC to show the impact that PCC’s can have in this space.All-Gwent Community Safety Partnerships have carried out a structural review to ensure that they are best placed to coordinate Community Safety Activity in their respective local authority areas and to ensure clear reporting channels to internal and external stakeholders including the OPCC. | An annual budget is set for this funding stream and the allocation for each partner is determined based on an agreed formula. Contributions for 2023/24 based on the £243,360budget were:* Newport City Council £66,372
* Caerphilly County Borough Council £63,476
* Torfaen County Borough Council £41,990
* Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council £35,028
* Monmouthshire County Council £36,494

It is a requirement that each local authority partner complete a proposal form outlining their intention as to how the allocation will be spent and then provides a monitoring report on a 6 monthly basis.OPCC oversight for this funding is via CSP meetings and the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. Chief Inspectors Amanda Thomas and Paul Biggs are the Force Leads for this funding. | This funding is a contribution to the wider work of the partnership and as such no direct outputs and outcomes are attributed to this funding. OPCC and Police representatives attend and contribute to the CSP Partnership meetings and monitor the performance of the partnerships.It is expected that a review of Community Safety Partnerships will provide some evaluation of the partnerships and make recommendations for their future, which will influence future funding decisions.Each CSP has different objectives and outcomes, defined by local circumstances, priorities and demographics but all CSP’s are broadly expected to be contributing to the following outcomes:* To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
* To improve victims’ ability to cope and recover; and
* To increase community cohesion
 | £255,529 of Commissioner’s direct funding. Individual allocations (with 5% uplift from 23/24) are as follows:* Newport City Council £69,691
* Caerphilly County Borough Council £66,650
* Torfaen County Borough Council £44,090
* Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council £36,779
* Mon County Council £38,319
 | **Recommendation is for funding to continue to be provided for CSP’s (with 5% uplift)** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Substance Misuse.Wings to Fly | To contribute to the work of the Wings to Fly drug education programme for young children.This intention supports Aim 1 – Preventing Harm of the WG Substance Misuse Delivery Plan 2019-22 by supporting the ability to make informed choice to prevent and reduce the harm associated with substance misuse. | An annual allocation is made available to the organisations delivering the programme.OPCC oversight for this funding is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | Not Available. Awards haven’t taken place since 2019/20. Plans were in place to request data and outcomes information prior to the pandemic however this has not been delivered since those plans were made.  | £15,000 (not specifically ringfenced, but can be accommodated from within the overall OPCC Commissioning Budget.  | **Recommendation is to make available an allocation of funding for ‘Wings to Fly’ for 2024/25 should it be required.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Youth Offending.Safer Gwent (YOS) | To contribute to the work of key community safety partners working together to deliver projects and services across the five local authorities, that will support the delivery of the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.This area of commissioning supports the Early Intervention and Prevention Work Stream under the Youth Justice Blueprint which is led by the DPCC.The PCC is invited to the YOS Local Management Board, but is not a statutory partner, therefore contributions to the YOS are discretionary. | The annual allocation to each Youth Offending Service is made based on an agreed formula. 2023/24 allocations, based on a £208,000 budget were:* Monmouthshire & Torfaen Youth Offending Service £61,583
* Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Service £82,316
* Newport Youth Offending Service £64,101

Each YOS must complete a proposal form outlining their intention as to how the allocation will be spent and then provides monitoring reports on a 6 monthly basis.As a statutory partner, there is also Gwent Police financial and resource contributions to the Youth Offending Service. This is £474,446 in 24/25 and is a combination of police officer costs and partnership funding.The YOS Board meetings are attended by a representative of the OPCC Strategy Team and by the Inspector Offender Services from within the Force. Oversight of this funding and YOS performance is via attendance at these meetings and the reporting provided. OPCC governance is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting.  | This funding is a contribution to the wider work of the partnership and as such no direct outputs and outcomes are attributed to this funding. OPCC and Police representatives attend and contribute to the YOS Boards and monitor the performance of the partnerships.Each YOS has different objectives and outcomes, but they are broadly expected to be contributing to the following outcomes:* To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
* To improve victims’ ability to cope and recover; and
* To increase community cohesion
 | **£218,400** of Commissioner’s core funding contributing to the overall YOS budget. Individual allocations (with 5% uplift from 23/24) are as follows:* Mon & Torfaen YOS £64,662
* BG & Caerphilly YOS £86,432
* NCC YOS £67,306
 | **Recommendation is for funding to continue to be provided to YOS with a 5% increase in their allocations from 2023/24.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Diversionary Activity – CYP.Positive Futures | To provide diversionary activities which enable vulnerable and at-risk children and young people across Gwent to reach their potential.This intention supports the Early Intervention and Prevention Work Stream under the Youth Justice Blueprint which is led by the DPCC. Diversionary activity is early intervention and prevention.Positive Futures was set up by the Home Office in 2000 as a sports-based contextual safeguarding programme, using football and other sporting activities as a method of reaching out to young people who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system.When PCC’s were created the funding was passed, but not ringfenced, to them. In Gwent the decision was made to continue supporting the programme which has run for 20+ years.Positive Futures works across Gwent and takes referrals from the community and from partners. The referral is assessed and if the programme is suited to the needs of the young person being referred, then they can join the programme. Group sporting activities are delivered on a weekly basis but during the sessions, project staff take the time to engage with participants and talk around the risk factors being displayed by the young person. Therefore the programme is a tailored mix of group and 1-2-1 work. Programme staff are qualified youth practitioners. | Positive Futures is delivered by Newport Live.Newport Live is invited to apply for funding from the PCC on an annual basis, to secure a funding contribution towards their diversionary provision across Gwent.The OPCC’s funding is a contribution to the wider Positive Futures Programme, which draws in other external funding from public sector and charitable partners, including the Sport Wales and Welsh Government.OPCC oversight of this grant is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. Force leads for this are the two Chief Inspectors for Neighbourhoods.2023/24 Positive Futures OPCC allocation was **£188,240** | Between April 2023 and December 2023, 4,818 young people attended the Positive Future sessions and benefited from the Positive Futures programme. Those who engaged with the service achieved the following outcomes.* There were **5,044** positiveresponses toImproved health and wellbeing (general “happiness”, physical health and mental health). This is more than the number of young people who attended but represents some participants reporting a positive improvement on more than one occasion.
* **84.16%** Improved life skills - practical life skill: (swimming, cooking, cycling) or softer skill: (improvement in communication, anger management, problem solving).
* **42.07%** Increased engagement in education, employment, and training.

Between April 2023 and December 2023, 636 scheduled diversionary sessions were run in the Gwent area, with 98 reactive sessions held to support local ASB reduction initiatives.  | **£197,652** of Commissioner’s core funding, contributing to the organisation’s overall Positive Futures Programme. | **Recommendation is to continue to support the Positive Futures programme of diversionary activity for 2024/25 with 5% uplift to budget from 2023/24.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Safer Streets.Safer Streets 4&5 | To work with key community safety partners to deliver interventions intended to address long-term behavioural issues primarily amongst young people, whilst preventing offences from happening in the first place.In 2020, the Home Office established the Safer Streets Fund to enable PCCs and local authorities to bid for funding for crime prevention plans in areas affected by high levels of neighbourhood crime, such as burglary and robbery and ASB.This commissioning intention allows us to contribute to the Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe priority of the Police and Crime Plan. | Safer Streets Round 4 A successful multiyear bid for preventing ASB and neighbourhood crime across all local authority areas in Gwent was submitted to the Home Office.2023/24 = £247,812 Safer Streets 4 ran until Oct 23 therefore the 23/24 allocation was split between SS4 & SS5Safer Streets Round 52023/24 = £313,220 this is the budget for quarters 3&4 of 2023/24, Safer Streets 5Delivery of project and funding awarded is monitored by OPCC and the We Don’t Buy Crime team, including an allocated Chief Inspector. OPCC oversight is via Service Improvement Board. | Safer Streets Round 4Funding was awarded to help prevent ASB and neighbourhood crime across Gwent. This funding has contributed to the purchase and installation of the following items, as well as youth working programmes: * Provision of 9,000 property marking kits and crime prevention packs **Completed**
* Metal deterrent signage in targeted Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) - **Completed**
* Provision of ‘Dusk til Dawn’ security lighting systems to 500 homes in targeted LSOAs – **Majority Completed**
* Provision of lighting timers to 500 homes in targeted LSOAs – **Majority Completed**
* Provision of redeployable CCTV Cameras for use in crime/ASB hotspot areas – **Completed**
* Provision of 1,500 Robbery prevention packs for people in targeted LSOAs – **Completed**
* Provision of 1,500 vehicle crime prevention packs for people in project delivery areas - **Completed**
* Provision of CCTV upgrades in Blackwood & Caldicot - **Completed**

Safer Streets Round 5 (Ongoing through 2024/25)Funding was awarded to help prevent ASB and neighbourhood crime across Gwent. This funding has contributed to the following schemes:New Pathways* Training and awareness on VAWG and The Nighttime Economy (around University of South Wales/Coleg Gwent Campuses).

Neighbourhood Policing* Crime Reduction Training for PCSO’s in targeted LSOAs.
* Upgrade of streetlighting in targeted LSOA’s in Blaenau Gwent.
* Provision of numerous domestic security measures, CCTV kits, property marking kits, doorbell security cameras, security light etc. to vulnerable residents/properties in the targeted LSOAs.
 | Safer Streets 5 **£186,680** Commissioned Services Total from HO Safer Streets Grant, broken down as:Neighbourhood Policing – completion of the projects commenced in 2023/24 - **£49,825**New Pathways – following a budget reprofile, completion of the New Pathways element of Safer Streets project will occur in 2025, the budget for 2024/25 is **£136,855** and will be released subject to a satisfactory OPCC/Gwent Police monitoring visit.The original allocation for Safer Streets 5 was significantly higher than the above, however the OPCC was informed in December 2023 that the Safer Streets allocations to all PCC areas nationally would be subject to a £180,000 reduction each. As a result of this the delivery plan was revisited with Force and external partners and a revised plan was submitted taking into account the reduction. | **Recommendation is for funding arrangements and expenditure to be continued as outlined in the bid.** |
| Combat Serious Crime // Serious Violence and Organised Crime.Serious Violence and Organised Crime (SVOC) | To pilot interventions which protect children and young people from the harm caused by serious violence and organised crime by delivering interventions that support those involved in criminality.In 2019 the Home Office provided Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Funding to Gwent Police to deliver a whole system approach to tacking SOC through activities that involve targeted prevent interventions; resilience building work; and strategic communication capabilities. St Giles and Crimestoppers pilot projects were developed and funded through this area of work.Funding was continued by the PCC from 2021/22 when the Home Office funding ceased. | The services were commissioned via a grant process in 2018/19 when Home Office Funding was received. Home Office funding ceased at the end of 2020/21 but the programme has continued on a lesser scale.£170,191 was allocated in 2023/24 broken down as: Crimestoppers (Fearless Programme) - **£42,485** and St Giles Trust **£127,706**The decision to extend the pilots has been made year on year with both organisations invited on an annual basis to submit their application for funding.This funding was managed by the Force SOC Coordinator and the SOC Partnership Board until the Home Office Funding ceased. With this resource and infrastructure ending the Inspector Offender Services was appointed as force lead with OPCC oversight being via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | Crimestoppers: School Based Interventions for Quarters 1-3 of 2023/24.A total of **6,817** young people were reached across all the deliveries in schools. Sessions were co-delivered with Fearless to deliver knife crime sessions by experienced facilitators .Of which, the below outcomes were achieved: * 100% pupils more confident to report using Fearless
* 100% pupils were less likely to consider carrying a knife/weapon for their own protection.
* 95% pupils have more of an understanding of what the consequences are of carrying a knife/weapon.
* 90% pupils agreed they now know different ways of seeking support and speaking out about crime.
* 100% pupils agreed they have a better understanding of the signs of grooming and exploitation.
* 100% pupils agreed they have a better understanding of how drug dealing, or drug running can be linked to exploitation.
* 90% pupils agreed they have a better understanding of the different ways of seeking support and speaking out about exploitation.

St Giles Trust: School Based Interventions for Quarters 1-3 of 2023/24.No. of new referrals: 29Project Totals for Quarters 1-3 of 2023/24.* Number of individuals supported: 386.
* Number of 1-2-1 sessions delivered: 146.
* Number of advocacy hours delivered: 108.
* Number of participants with a recorded positive outcome: 33.
 | **£178,700** of Commissioner’s core funding. | **Recommendation is for funding to be continued to Crimestoppers Fearless Programme and St Giles for 2024/25.** |
| Combat Serious Crime // Serious Violence.Serious Violence Duty (SVD) | To support partners to work together to reduce violent crime, including domestic abuse and sexual offences; and to address the root causes of serious violence.In 2023, the introduction of the Serious Violence Duty through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 places a legal duty on specified authorities to support a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence. Whilst not a specified authority, the PCC has responsibility to convene partners and administer the associated funding.Specified authorities across Gwent include Gwent Police, the local authorities, South Wales Fire and Rescue Services (SWFRS) and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB). | Home Office Funding to be received and administered by the PCC in the local area to support the delivery of Gwent’s delivery plan for Serious Violence.**£238,166** was available for Gwent for 2023/24: labour costs amounted to £180,000 and non-labour (intervention) costs £58,166.The Force lead is Detective Chief Inspector Local Policing (East). OPCC oversight of the funding is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | The initial aim of the SVD in the early stages of its implementation was to develop a Strategy for Gwent alongside key partners and underpinned by a Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA). The initial SVD Home Office allocation was split between labour and intervention costs.Labour costs were allocated to members of the Working Group to develop the Strategy, as well as appointing a SVD lead within the OPCC. The SNA and Draft Strategy have been produced and returned to the Home Office, alongside the 2023/24 Quarter 3 return. The Strategy was developed for the SVD Working Group by a Public Health Senior Practitioner in ABUHB and has been agreed by partners through the working group. In addition to the development of the strategy, a small amount of funding was given to partners to develop initial interventions under the SVD:* ABUHB – SV Intervention worker at The Grange A&E
* BG&C YOS – Purchase of training materials to deliver the Streetwise training programme [Streetwise Training - Streetwise Streetsafe (streetwise-safetytraining.co.uk)](https://www.streetwise-safetytraining.co.uk/streetsafe)
* NCC – Expansion of the Night Ambassadors Scheme
* TCBC – St Giles/Fearless Workshops and Mentors within schools.
 | **£259,739** from Home Serious Violence Duty Funding. This is currently the final year’s funding of a 3 year allocation. | **Recommendation is for funding arrangements and expenditure to be continued as outlined in the bid.** |
| Combat Serious Crime // Domestic Abuse.Cautioning and Relationship Abuse (CARA) Programme | To provide an early intervention perpetrator programme that can address inappropriate behaviour via an out of court disposal for standard risk domestic abuse (DA) perpetrators, with the intention of reducing re-offending and harm.In 2020, the Home Office released funding to support the introduction of Perpetrator focused DA Programmes, to support delivery of their Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy .Tackling perpetration is workstream six of the Welsh Government’s Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy. The PCC is committed to supporting the strategy and the VAWDASV Blueprint team, the delivery arm for the strategy. This intention supports delivery in this area of work. This intention also in part assists us in readiness for the upcoming changes to the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) two-tier+ framework which puts emphasis on reducing reoffending by addressing criminogenic need through assessment and support. | CARA ProgrammeIn 2022/23, the OPCC decided to de-commission the existing perpetrator service. Due to the voluntary nature of the model, police referral numbers were low. Recommendations were made to commission a model which uses conditional cautions to refer standard risk adult domestic abuse perpetrators to a perpetrator service.This saw the introduction of the jointly commissioned CARA DA Perpetrator Programme with South Wales.In December 2022 the Home Office released further funding for Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programmes. Bids were submitted by the OPCC/Force to develop CARA through the Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination process (MATAC). The OPCC/Force were successful in securing 2 years of funding, with an additional contribution from Welsh Government to further develop the service.CARA is delivered under license by Safer Merthyr Tydfil, who will work with Phoenix DAS. Hampton Trust developed CARA and are supporting the delivery partners in setting up the service and the ongoing running of it. Gwent went live with a soft launch in November 2023MATACMATAC is a Gwent Police Team and has been set up to deal with high risk DA offenders.The Force have been liaising with other forces that already have an existing MATAC process and recruitment is underway.The risk assessment algorithm is now fully functional and will be the primary way that the MATAC cohort is identified.Although both CARA and MATAC are Force-led, the OPCC governance is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. For CARA, there was a joint OPCC Gwent/South Wales Police Steering Group, which helped support set up of the service and has now merged into the CARA Scrutiny Panel. Force lead for CARA is the Inspector Offender Services. The governance structure for MATAC is a MATAC Steering Group which feeds into the VAWDASV Board. The Force representative for MATAC is the Detective Inspector in Central Public Protection.. | CARA ProgrammeA lower number of cases than expected have been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for consideration by Gwent and South Wales Police.  Anecdotally, this has been attributed to the requirement to refer all DA case suitable for conditional caution resolution to the CPS. Despite being made aware of the CARA intervention programme, legal advisors appear reluctant to advise suspects to admit the offence, when there is the uncertainty whether a conditional caution with a CARA intervention will be issued.  This lack of confidence in the consistency of CPS decision making for DA case disposal, is further hampering effective use of the CARA intervention programme.  This could be resolved by police decision makers being able to make an immediate decision on use of a DA conditional caution though CARA without referral to the CPS; in the same manner as the existing simple caution process. As a consequence, a joint application by Gwent and South Wales Police for Director of Public Prosecutions’ dispensation to issue DA conditional cautions, without the requirement for CPS authorisation, is being sought. MATACAlthough MATAC is not at full staffing capacity, the understanding of MATAC throughout the Force is now very well established. Links have been formed with the vast majority of Departments who will play an active part in managing the cohort and they are fully committed to supporting the process. The feedback from partners has also been extremely positive and we now have good representation from all agencies throughout the force area.  | CARA & MATAC **£569,058** Commissioned Services total from DA Perpetrator Grant, **£129,765** maximum match funding requirement from the Commissioner.Both projects are funded by the Home Office until March 2025 | **Recommendation is for funding arrangements and expenditure to be continued as outlined in the bid.** |
| Support Victims and Protect the Vulnerable // Victims – General.Victim services – ‘Connect Gwent’ | To provide a multi-agency hub for victims and witnesses of crime in Gwent. Offering support to people who have been affected by crime. The PCC receives a Victim Services grant from the Ministry of Justice and is required to commission services to support people to cope and recover from the harm they have experienced as a victim of crime.Furthermore, the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 aims to improve the support and guidance offered to victims of crime and major incidents, and those suffering bereavement, including through the appointment of specialist advocates. It also places the Victims’ Code into Primary Legislation.In England, the Act places joint statutory duties on PCCs, Local Authorities and Health Bodies to collaborate when commissioning Victims Services. | The Connect Gwent Hub is commissioned by the OPCC and Gwent Police. A Victim Care Unit (VCU) is operated by Gwent Police and provides an assessment and triage of victims who come into contact with the Force. Victim Support (£296,254) holds a contract to provide ongoing support for victims. Age Cymru (£19,977), Umbrella Cymru (£5,000), ABUHB (£30,785) provide specialist services for mental health and gender; and support for older people. Each is grant funded annually.Umbrella Cymru also provides support to Children and Young People who have been victims of crime, receiving a grant of £77,948 to deliver this service.Recommissioning of the Connect Gwent Hub is in progress, with a new service expected to be in place by Apr 2025 for children and adults who have been affected by crime. OPCC oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. Force leads are Supt Head of Criminal Justice and the Force’s Head of Victim Services. | For the period 1st April – 30th Dec 2023, the agencies in Connect Gwent had the following outputs: VCUNumber of referrals: 42,052Number of people supported: 22,491Victims SupportNumber of referrals: 1,656Number of people supported: 1,489Age Cymru (April 23 – Sept 23)Number of referrals: 46Number of people supported: 46ABUHBNumber of referrals: 26Number of people supported: 26Umbrella – Children and Young PeopleNumber of referrals: 179Number of people supported: 179For the period 1st April 2023 to 31th Dec 2023, on average 91% of adults who came to the end of their support with Victim Support and 93% of children and young people who came to the end of their support with Umbrella Cymru saw positive improvements in the following outcomes: * Increased feelings of safety.
* Improved health and wellbeing.
* Better able to cope with aspects of everyday life.
* Better informed and empowered to act on information.
 | **£570,192** of MOJ Victims Service Grant.£434,978 for externally commissioned services and remaining £135,214 will contribute towards the Victims Care Unit. | An extension of the Victim Support contract will be issued by Procurement for the period Apr 2024 – Mar 2025. The other partners will be grant funded.**Recommendation is to continue to fund all Connect Gwent Services for 2024/25.** |
| Support Victims and Protect the Vulnerable // Sexual Violence.Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) | To provide ISVA and counselling provision for victims of any age or gender affected by sexual violence, to support them to cope and recover from their experience.The PCC receives a Victim Services grant from the Ministry of Justice and is required to commission services to support people to cope and recover from the harm they have experienced as a victim of crime.This intention supports a number of national, regional and local strategies and plans, including the VAWG Strategy and the Welsh Government’s VAWDASV Strategy.The intention also supports the Wales Sexual Assault Services (WSAS) Programme of work, through which Gwent, South Wales and Dyfed Powys PCC’s commissioned a new ISVA service with a planned go live date of 1st July 2024. | In 2023/24 two organisations were invited to submit proposals for a ringfenced allocation of Sexual Violence Funding on an annual basis, to contribute to their sexual violence services. The organisations funded in 2023/24 were:* New Pathways received £464,723 for ISVA and counselling services and invoice Gwent Police separately for an additional £42,490 for running the Force’s Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC).
* Cyfannol received £171,256 for ISVA and counselling services.

A recommissioning exercise to secure ISVA services across the three Southern Wales Forces has been successful and the new service provider will be New Pathways. The new contract is expected to be in place by 1st July 2024. Weekly mobilisation meetings are in place and exit planning is underway with the incumbent supplier.OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. Force Leads are the Detective Supt in Central Public Protection and the Head of Victim Services.. | In 2023/24 the number of referrals received for ISVA and Counselling services for adults and children and young people was 1,327 for New Pathways and 136 for Cyfannol.In the 2023/24 year-end report for Cyfannol, it was reported that the: * % of people accessing ISVA support showing increased feelings of safety – 76%.
* % of people accessing ISVA support showing improvement in physical and emotional health – 67%.
* % of people accessing ISVA support demonstrating improved coping skills – 62%.
* % of people who accessed ISVA support demonstrating that they are better informed and empowered to act – 72%.

In the 2023/24 year-end report for New Pathways, it was reported that the: * % of people accessing ISVA support showing increased feelings of safety – 83%.
* % of people accessing ISVA support showing improvement in health & wellbeing – 84%.
* % of people accessing ISVA support demonstrating improved coping with aspects of everyday life - 85%.
* % of people who accessed ISVA support demonstrating that they are better informed and empowered to act on information – 86%.
 | **£672,986** of total funding is provided.£152,376 of Commissioner’s direct funding and £478,120 of MOJ Victims Services Grant Funding.Gwent Police also make an additional contribution of £42,490 to the SARC. | £357,054 of the MOJ funding is ringfenced funding in the MOJ budget which can only be used for the purpose applied – ISVA and counselling provision.**Recommendation is to continue to fund all Sexual Violence Services for 2024/25.** |
| Support Victims and Protect the Vulnerable // Domestic Abuse.Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) | To provide a service which coordinates multi-agency support to domestic abuse victims over 16 years old assessed as high risk. The service will increase their safety, their health and wellbeing and ability to cope with everyday life.The PCC receives a Victims Services grant from the Ministry of Justice and is required to commission services to support people to cope and recover from the harm the have experienced as a victim of crime.This intention supports a number of national, regional and local strategies and plans, including the VAWG Strategy and the Welsh Government’s VAWDASV Strategy.The Gwent VAWDASV Commissioning Board, of which the PCC is a member, has responsibility for the delivery of local domestic abuse strategies and key partners from this board have agreed to re-commission a regional IDVA service across Gwent.  | A Regional IDVA service is currently jointly commissioned with Newport City Council. An annual grant is provided to Newport City Council for delivery of the service.In May 2020 a decision was made by the VAWDASV Commissioning Board that the service should be retendered in order to secure a model of service which meets current demand; and provides a more sustainable and long-term agreement in relation to the funding of the service. However, a decision has been taken to delay this tender exercise due to legal complexities for at least a year. For now, NCC will continue to host the IDVA service on behalf of the region, with the service funded by all five local authorities, health, OPCC and Welsh Government until 31st March 2026.Governance for this co-commissioned service is via the VAWDASV Commissioning Board. Force Leads are the Detective Supt Central Public Protection and the Head of Victim Services. | In the 9 months between April – Dec 2023 the IDVA service had the following outputs:Number of referrals received: 1163Number of one-off engagements: 244Number of people receiving regular one to one support: 531On average 74% of people who engaged with the IDVA service reported improvements in the following outcomes:* Increased feelings of safety
* Improved health and wellbeing
* Better informed and empowered to act on information
 | **£335,123** total Commissioner’s funding with£156,363 of core funding and £178,760 of MOJ Victims Services Grant Funding. Total commissioned service is £734,447 with other Local Authorities, Health and Welsh Government’s VAWDASV Grant contributions to the service. | Commitments have been made via the VAWDASV Commissioning Board to co-commission the service. The £178,760 is ringfenced IDVA funding from the MOJ.**Recommendation is to continue with the commitment made to fund this service.** |
| Supporting Victims and Protect the Vulnerable // Domestic AbusePolice Perpetrated Domestic Abuse (PPDA) | To provide a service which ensures that victims of Police Perpetrated Domestic Abuse (PPDA) receive appropriate advocacy and support.The Centre for Women’s Justice super-complaint in 2020 highlighted the importance of this issue and demonstrated the far-reaching impacts these issues have on victims; and how they face unique obstacles compared to members of the public.The Government’s response to the super-complaint included a recommendation for PCC’s to consider whether local services are capable of dealing with the specific risks and vulnerabilities of PPDA victims; and the support required to engage with the police complaints and disciplinary system. | This is a new 2 year pilot service which is being commissioned jointly with South Wales OPCC, who are leading the commissioning.Vale DAS are the lead service who run and take overall accountability of the pilot and work very closely with Cyfannol, the service provider in Gwent. Most referrals are coming through via Police Public Protection Notifications (PPNs), with only a few being via self-referrals or IDVA services. For this pilot, there are a total of 1.5 Independent Police Perpetrated Violence Advisers (IPPVA) posts, in which support is offered over both Force areas to build resilience, as well as a tailored response to the survivor/victimOPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. Force lead is Detective Supt Professional Standards Department, with Detective Supt Central Public Protection. | Number of new victims referrals to IPPVA service in the reporting period Nov 23 – March 24 in Gwent – 18Number of cases open to Professional Standards Department within the Force - 5 | **£40,000** total Commissioner’s Funding is provided.This will be paid to South Wales OPCC who will hold a grant agreement with the provider. The total annual cost of the service will be £80,000. | **Recommendation is to continue with the commitment made to commission this service and further assess the outcomes during the pilot.**  |
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*Multi-agency Partnership*

The PCC supports multi-agency partnership arrangement locally, nationally and regionally. Each partnership has its own unique arrangements and decisions in relation to resource requirements and partnership contributions are made by the representatives at the Partnership. The table below outlines the multi-agency arrangements where a financial contribution is intended to be made, the budget allocation required to continue commissioning and any considerations / recommendations in relation to commissioning for 2024/25.

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| **Primary Priority & Thematic Area** | **Commissioning Intention and Strategic and Policy Context**  | **Commissioning Approach, Governance & Activity** | **Outputs & Outcomes** | **Budget Allocation 2024/25 (£)** | **Considerations & Recommendation** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe | To support the All Wales Criminal Justice Board arrangements.The Criminal Justice Board for Wales brings together criminal justice partners in Wales, with the purpose of reducing crime and making communities safer by achieving better outcomes and experiences for those who encounter the Criminal Justice System in Wales whether as victims, witnesses, or offenders. | Contribution towards the post of the Criminal Justice Board for Wales Coordinator & a support role, which will assist the Coordinator; and to provide an appropriate non-pay budget to support the work of the Board.OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | **N/A** | **£10,000** contribution from the Commissioner to a total CJB Partners’ contributions of £110k. | **Recommendation is to continue with this arrangement.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe | Supporting the implementation of the Criminal Justice Anti-Racism Action Plan for WalesThe Criminal Justice plan works with the Welsh Government’s [Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan](https://gov.wales/anti-racist-wales-action-plan), launched on 7th June 2022, to ensure the implementation of a whole system, one public service response to racism in Wales. Reports to the Criminal Justice Board for Wales | OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | **N/A** | **£37,000** | **Recommendation is to continue with this arrangement** |
| Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe // Welsh Safer Communities Network | To support the work of the Welsh Safer Communities Network. | OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting | **N/A** | **£20,000** | **Recommendation is to continue with this arrangement.** |
| Combat Serious Crime // VAWDASV Blueprint | To support the work of the VAWDASV Blueprint, which is an action plan that draws together different organisations to jointly deliver a whole system approach to deliver the Welsh Government’s VAWDASV Strategy. | OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting | **N/A** | **£38,000** | **Recommendation is to continue with this arrangement as per commitment made in 23/24** |
| Combat Serious Crime // Integrated Offender Management | To support the Integrated Offender Management arrangements by building and sustaining strategic and tactical analytical capability, servicing all partners across Wales. | OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting | **N/A** | **£11,500** | **Recommendation to fund an All-Wales Integrated Offender Management Senior Analyst for 2024/25** |
| Support Victims and Protect the Vulnerable // | Contribution towards a Policy Officer in SWP OPCC to lead on the new ISVA contract. | OPCC oversight is via the Working Group and the ISVA Oversight Board |  | **£5,180** | **Recommendation to continue to fund this role for 2024/25 to finalise the contract and implementation phase** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe | All Wales Academic Collaboration | OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting | **N/A** | **£10,000** | **Recommendation is to continue with this arrangement** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe | The role of All Wales Business Co-ordinator for Policing in Wales is responsible for the co-ordination and management of the Police and Crime Commissioners, partnership, collaboration on an all Wales and UK wide basis. The role will provide high quality advice and support to all elements of collaboration, ensuring good governance, scrutiny and compliance/performance activity.  | OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting | **N/A** | **£17,500** | **Recommendation is to continue with this arrangement as per commitment made in 23/24** |

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| *Competitive Grant Funds*The PCC has in previous years established or contributed to competitive grant funds. Each has its own criteria, eligibility requirements, bidding requirements and are intended to support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan priorities. The table below outlines these competitive grant funds, shows how they align to the PCP priorities, the budget allocation required to continue commissioning and any considerations / recommendations in relation to commissioning for 2024/25. |
| **Primary Priority & Thematic Area** | **Commissioning Intention and Strategic and Policy Context**  | **Commissioning Approach, Governance & Activity** | **Outputs & Outcomes** | **Budget Allocation 2024/25 (£)** | **Considerations & Recommendation** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Community based initiatives.Positive Impact Fund | To contribute to the work of groups and organisations positively impacting communities in Gwent and delivering against Police and Crime Plan Priorities.This is a discretionary commissioning intention with no statutory requirement.Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe and Increasing Public Confidence are key Police and Crime Plan priorities which are supported by these funds. | To provide funding to continue the PCC [Positive Impact Fund](https://www.gwent.pcc.police.uk/en/what-we-spend/commissioning/tier-1-positive-impact-fund/%29) Contributions of around £200 - £1,500 are made to grass roots community organisations who are able to meet the funding aim.OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | In 2023/24, 11 applications for support under the PIF were received, 4 of these were awarded funding:* Girlguiding Gwent - £1,000 for transport costs to Girlguiding events and activities.
* Pontypool Community Council - £500 for a summer activities programme for young people.
* Severn Area Rescue Association – £1,500 for rescue equipment.
* Tabernacle Baptist Church Newbridge – £500 for costs associated with a young people’s holiday club.

In previous years: In 2022/23, 13 grants were awarded funding:* 6 were for community events to encourage community cohesion.
* 4 were other community based projects that focussed on improving lives / community safety / health and wellbeing.
* 2 were school holiday provision activities.
* 1 was for support for retired police dogs.
 | £10,000 of Commissioner’s direct funding. | **Recommendation is to continue funding the Positive Impact Fund.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Community based initiatives.Positive Impact Fund (Force) | To contribute to the work of groups and organisations positively impacting communities in Gwent and delivering against Police and Crime Plan Priorities.This is a discretionary fund with no statutory requirement.Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe and Increasing Public Confidence are key Police and Crime Plan priorities which are supported by these funds. | To provide funding to continue Gwent Police Positive Impact Fund.Contributions of around £200 - £1,500 are made to organisations who can meet the funding aim. | In 2023/24, 3 awards were made in the East LPA and 12 in the West. Awards made included support for community events and projects aiming to increase community cohesion and increase confidence in policing; crime prevention and improving feelings of safety.Projects funded:EastMonLife Youth Service - £390.32.Gwent Police Fun Day, Newport West - £1,119MCC Community Safety – ‘Live Here Love Here campaign - £1,000.WestLlantarnam Resident’s Conservation Society Community events - £250.Coed Eva Amateur Boxing Club - £1,000.Gwent Police Youth Mental Health campaign - £400.Cold Barn Farm – Positive Engagement event - £500.Friends of Cwm Playgrounds - £200.Morgan Jones Park engagement day - £381.Ebbw Vale Community Halloween event - £200.Van Community Centre Christmas engagement event - £373.Newport Christmas engagement event - £190.77.White Ribbon campaigns (2) - £145.53/£182.79.Ebbw Vale seasonal event - £250. | £20,000 of Commissioner’s direct funding. | **Recommendation is to continue funding the Positive Impact Fund.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Diversionary Activity – Children and Young People.Police Community Fund | To enable children and young people in Gwent to be safe, healthy and happy, building a better future for themselves and their community by tackling community-based issues in a lasting and impactful way.This is a discretionary commissioning intention with no statutory requirement.This intention supports the Early Intervention and Prevention Work Stream under the Youth Justice Blueprint which is led by the DPCC. Diversionary activity is early intervention and prevention. | To provide funding to continue the [Police Community Fund](https://www.gwent.pcc.police.uk/en/what-we-spend/commissioning/tier-2-police-community-fund/)Competitive grant Fund, open for bids once per financial year. Bids between 10k to 50k for between 1 to 3 years per year.  This Fund enables children and young people in Gwent to be safe, healthy, and happy, building a better future for themselves and their community by tackling community-based issues in a lasting and impactful way. The fund for 2024/25 was launched and the applications that were submitted underwent initial assessment on 12th February 2024, following this, recommendations will be made to successful bids ready for projects to commence from April 2024. Grants will be monitored during the year to ensure activity and outcomes are delivered.OPCC Oversight is via the OPCC Commissioning Meeting. | In 2024/25, the projects below were recommended for approval:Media Academy Wales - £42,945.Cyfannol Women’s Aid - £32,531.Urban Circle - £49,230.SYDIC - £39,929.76.Newport Mind - £41,186.81.Brynmawr Interact - £10,000.In addition to the grants recommended for 2024/25, the below grants awarded for previous years will also be running during 2024/25 due to ring-fenced funding for either year 2 or 3 contributions:* Newport Yemeni Community (Newport).
* County in the Community (Newport).
* Empire Fighting Chance (Torfaen).
* Community House (Newport).
* Cwmbran Centre for Young People (Torfaen).
* Ethnic Youth Support Team (Newport)

In addition, Duffryn Community Link (Newport) will also be running in-part for some of the 2024/25 financial year, as their grant from the 2023/24 budget allocation is running from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024. | £300,000 of Commissioner’s direct funding (of which £150,000 is POCA monies).In the event that this fund is oversubscribed and agreed by the Commissioner, additional funds will be allocated from the specific reserve. This ahs been the case for the 2024/25 allocation, which totalled £423,175. | **Recommendation is to continue this Fund.** |
| Keep Neighbourhoods Safe // Community based initiatives.High Sheriff’s Fund | To provide a safer and better quality of life for the people of Gwent, particularly children and young people, by supporting community-based initiatives and projects that reduce crime and improve community safety.This is a discretionary commissioning intention with no statutory requirement.Keeping Neighbourhood Safe and Increasing Public Confidence are key Police and Crime Plan priorities which are supported by these funds. | To provide funding to continue to support the High Sheriff’s Fund (HSF).The award and management of these grants are made by the High Sheriff, the HSF is managed by Community Foundation in Wales (CFIW). The PCC is not involved in decision making.The 2024/25 fund has closed and applications will be assessed at a participatory budgeting event to be held in March 2024 organised by the Community Foundation in Wales, successful projects will start in April 2024. Governance is via the Gwent High Sheriff’s Community Fund Panel, which is attended by the OPCC. | The HSF is managed and monitored by the Community Foundation in Wales. 16 grant awards were made in March 2023 for the 2023/24 financial year with a total value of £87,400.Grants awarded are varied and include project working to reduce ASB, support young people and families, support the community, homelessness and wellbeing. | £65,000 of Commissioner’s direct funding.The total value of the HSF is dependant on HS fundraising but is in the region of £75,000 - £85,000.In 2023/24, in addition to OPCC funding, other sources were:Balance brought forward: £13,249Waterloo Foundation: £12,500High Sheriff fundraising activities: £1,050 | **Recommendation is to continue to support this Fund.** |