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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2024-006 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | Serious Violence Duty Intervention Funding for 2024/2025. |
| Summary | The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to award funding to Specified Authority partners, under the Serious Violence Duty (‘the Duty’), for the 2024/2025 financial year. |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (the ‘Act’) provides that the ‘Local Policing Body’ for a police area (the Police and Crime Commissioner in Gwent) acts in co-operation with Specified and Relevant Authorities under the Duty, to make grants that fund interventions to prevent and reduce serious violence (section 14).  For 2024/25 financial year, an amount of £259,739 has been provided by the Home Office to the PCC for Gwent to support the implementation of the Duty, with £163,437 of this funding to support interventions. The remainder is for labour costs associated with delivering other requirements of the Duty. |
| 2. | Through a Gwent Serious Violence Duty Working Group, chaired by my Office, a joint decision has been made to allocate a sum of funding to a range of Specified Authorities under the Serious Violence Duty, to carry out activity to prevent and reduce serious violence across Gwent.  A number of Specified Authorities under the Duty have submitted proposals outlining how they would use funding to support intervention projects for a 12-month period. Proposals have been reviewed at the Working Group and recommendations made on how the funding should be distributed.  I have accepted the recommendations made by the Working Group to award funding to a range of intervention projects across Gwent, aimed at reducing Serious Violence. I have considered the requirements under the Duty and in conjunction with the recommendations made by partners at the Working Group, I have agreed that the following allocations be made to partners.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Project / Service | Amount Allocated for 2024 / 25 | | **Newport**  Nighttime economy Ambassador service in the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights between 8pm and 4am.  **Caerphilly**  Nighttime Economy Serious Violence Project to reduce serious violence and violence against women and girls.  Specialist Therapeutic Counselling for children who have been victims of sexual violence.  Street Doctors violence reduction programme  **Torfaen**  Play and Breakaway young people’s restorative justice sessions.  **Monmouthshire**  Serious Violence Prevention in Schools.  **Partnership Project across all Local Authorities and Youth Offending Services (YOSs)**  Virtual Reality ‘Virtual Decisions’ programme aimed at schools and YOSs across the whole of Gwent.  **Blaenau Gwent**  Funding has been ringfenced for the delivery of SVD interventions in Blaenau Gwent. Funding will be awarded in due course pending the submission and review of proposals from Blaenau Gwent. In the event no proposals are received, remaining resources will be allocated across other partners. | £39,600  £4,000  £10,000  £10,000  £18,000  £28,940  £33,000  £24,000 | | Total | £167,540 | |
| 3. | The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement, which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.  As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting the requirements under the Duty, and Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan published by the previous Commissioner, grant recipients are required to complete an end of year monitoring report, which will require the following information to be provided:   * Project Activity; * Project Outputs; * Project Outcomes; * Breakdown of financial expenditure; * Risk; and * Learning.   Where the Working Group or Home Office recommends additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.  Successful applicants will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation. |

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| **Jane Mudd Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** | |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper | |
| Signed | Date  28.11.2024 |

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