

**ORIGINATOR: SAFER SUFFOLK  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

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**SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL –  
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**SUBJECT: Safer Suffolk Partnership Board – Commissioning of the Crime and  
Disorder Reduction Grant on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner 2013/14**

**SUMMARY:**

For the financial year 2013/14 the Police and Crime Commissioner has allocated £44,152.60 to the Safer Suffolk Partnership Board (SSPB). This grant has been awarded to allow the SSPB to commission projects and activities to achieve the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

This report outlines the progress to date in allocating funding to suitable projects and initiatives.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Accountability and Performance Panel note the information in this report and endorse the progress made to date.

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Safer Suffolk Partnership Board (SSPB) have adopted 6 priority areas of work for 2013, informed by the annual Strategic Assessment, produced by Suffolk Police and the Community Safety Partnerships in mid 2012, and taking into account the priorities subsequently adopted within the Police and Crime Plan.

In March the SSPB agreed that it would be most effective if Board commissioning concentrated on the areas of need which would not typically be addressed by commissioning undertaken by the Community Safety Partnerships. This was identified as comprising:

- Sexual Exploitation and Prostitution
- Integrated Offender Management
- Domestic Violence

Expressions of Interest to receive funding were then invited from providers, utilising the network of the Safer Suffolk Board and Executive to reach as broad a range of providers as possible.

An initial round of commissioning received a number of applications which were then considered by the Safer Suffolk Executive in May. Several were deemed not suitable for funding as they were not seen as directly relevant to the key objectives of the Police and Crime Plan or it was felt the outcomes could be achieved with existing resources.

Recommendations for commissioning were then presented to the SSPB and approved. From this process activity was commissioned to a total cost of £29,130 comprising:

- Sexual Exploitation and Prostitution: Training for Make A Change staff to enable new techniques to be used within front-line working and a communication campaign to increase the impact and reach of the team.
- IOM: A combination of initiatives to enhance the effectiveness of IOM including GPS tagging, voluntary drug testing and bespoke support to individual offenders.
- Domestic Violence: The production of awareness raising materials for use through local Domestic Violence Forums and other frontline services to increase take-up of services by victims.

After the initial round of commissioning £15,022 remained unallocated. Board members agreed to look to repeat a commissioning process against any of the Board's priorities therefore expanding the scope to include:

- Creating Safer Night Time Economies
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling Substance Misuse

Two further Expressions of Interest were then considered at the SSPB meeting in July and the following activities were commissioned:

- Alcohol awareness publicity campaign – A further development of previous work around safe/sensible drinking using a range of media channels to promote messages.
- Domestic Abuse Hidden/Unmet Need – Project work to develop data and information exchange from non-Police agencies to increase the opportunities for services to identify victims and respond appropriately.

As these funding allocations were only made in the last few weeks there is currently no progress update available in respect of these activities.

**2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The use of funds will be monitored on a 4-monthly basis by the SSPB ensuring that funds are being used effectively and as intended.

**3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

The progress of activities will be monitored on a 4-monthly basis by the SSPB. This will enable the Board to ensure that risks to successful delivery are identified/addressed at an early stage and if necessary the SSPB will be able to decommission activities if it is felt they are not successfully achieving the stated outcomes.