

ORIGINATOR: Western Suffolk
Community Safety Partnership

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SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

SUBJECT: To report on the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) progress on the projects funded through the Police and Crime Commissioner

SUMMARY: The WSCSP has agreed 5 priorities for 13/14 based on the recommendations in the annual strategic assessment, which also takes account of the Police and Crime Plan (Pg 3). The partnership has been allocated £72,238.27 from the PCC to commission projects which deliver against the priorities of both the CSP and those of the Police and Crime Plan.

This report provides the panel with an overview of projects commissioned during Q1 – Q4 and their progress to date, including evidential data to show an impact within a certain area. Information on the partnership projects can be found within the body of the report as well as APPENDIX A (Partnership Action Plan) and APPENDIX B (Partnership budget profile).

The WSCSP continues to monitor the projects as they progress and quarterly updates are submitted to the Officer Working Group as well as an opportunity for scrutiny through the Responsible Authorities Group.

This report also outlines the steps taken by the WSCSP to address those areas requiring more support and also a funding profile of unspent funding.

The WSCSP are also key partners in a number of initiatives (continuation or implementation), although not directly funded through the WSCSP these are detailed in APPENDIX C

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Accountability and Performance Panel note the information in this report and endorse progress made to date.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The WSCSP have a good track record on commissioning and delivering projects to contribute to reducing crime and making Suffolk safer. Priority areas have been identified through the Strategic Assessment process and the WSCSP Partnership Plan 2013/14 was produced and published.

A commissioning pack for agencies (public, private and voluntary) has been produced allowing any agency or group the opportunity to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) with the WSCSP to achieve our priorities. The pack identifies the measurable outcomes that are expected should the WSCSP award funds and what outcomes are expected to be delivered.

The WSCSP has made attempts to ensure the EOI process is as simple as possible, however ensuring the projects are monitored robustly to ensure success. Each EOI to the WSCSP is initially considered by the Officer Working Group who decides if the EOI meets the priorities set out by the WSCSP Partnership Plan and is realistic in what it claims it can achieve, represents good value for money and that the required progress reporting requirements will be met.

As part of monitoring and evaluation, each project will need to set clear objectives/targets which will be evaluated on a quarterly basis, the project will also be evaluated on whether the outcomes have had an impact on reducing crime. The WSCSP has discretion to ask for additional outcomes/targets dependant on the application.

Before any EOI submitted to the WSCSP is considered, it is made clear (within the commissioning pack) that any expression must meet the priorities of the West CSP and the PCC's Police and Crime Plan:

Priorities for WSCSP: 2013/14

Theme One: Sustaining a Safer Night Time Economy:

- Reduction in violence in a public place associated with alcohol
- Reduction in Anti Social Behaviour associated with alcohol
- Reduction in Criminal Damage and Public Order

Theme Two: Anti Social Behaviour:

- Reduce reports of Anti Social Behaviour involving young people
- Improve the way young people are perceived
- Reduce criminal damage where young people are the offenders

Theme Three: Domestic Abuse:

- Reduce Domestic Abuse by raising awareness
- Increasing support for victims
- Work with perpetrators

Theme Four: Substance Misuse:

- Increase awareness and understanding of substance misuse
- Reduce illegal drug and harmful alcohol use in the most deprived areas
- Promote and support recovery

Theme Five: Emerging Crime:

- Tackle short term issues not included in the Strategic Assessment
- Support Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Operational Partnership Teams with priorities raised/identified by the engagement process

The PCC Police and Crime Priorities: Objective 3 and 4 relate to wider community safety as follows

- Reduce Re-offending
- Prevent the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on lives, crime levels and the night-time economy
- Support Families
- Provide high quality services to victims
- Tackle domestic and sexual abuse
- Create a safer environment for road users
- Support crime prevention activity
- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Engage with businesses to reduce business crime
- Improve trust and confidence in the criminal justice system

The following EOIs have been submitted to the WSCSP and have been granted funding and should therefore be considered by the panel:

SCC: Trading Standards Test Purchasing Operations: Awarded £4,000. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 1: Priority 2, Theme 2: Priority 1, 2 and 3 and PCC Priority 8)*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Catch 22: Mediation: Awarded £3,500 *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 2: Priority 1 and 3, Theme 5: Priority 2 and PCC Priority 3 and 8).*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

West Suffolk Domestic Abuse Forum: Victim Support (personal alarms): Awarded £378. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 3: Priority 2 and PCC Priority 4 and 5).*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Suffolk Police: Police Cadet Scheme: Awarded £2,000. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 2: Priority 1, 2 and 3, Theme 5: Priority 2 and PCC Priority 8)*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Catch 22: Tainted Love: Awarded £4,500. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 3: Priority 1 & 2 and PCC Priority 3, 4 and 5)*

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Liz Jenkins: Brandon Freedom Programme: Awarded £1,500. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 3: Priority 1 & 2 and PCC Priority 3, 4 and 5)*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

St Marys COE Primary School, Mildenhall: Diversionary Activities: Awarded £3,500 *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 2: Priority 1, 2 and 3 and PCC Priority 3, 7 and 8)*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Reduce the Strength Campaign – Babergh SNT Awarded £3,000 *(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 1 Priority 1,2 and 3 and PCC priority 1,2,7,and 8)*

Supported the rollout of this county wide initiative in Babergh, to remove super strength alcohol which is sold cheaply from the shelves of off licence premises. Funding was used for supporting materials.

Suffolk Family Focus Gym diversionary project - Babergh DC awarded £1,350

This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 2 Priority1,2 and 3 , Theme 3 priorities 1 and 2, Theme 4 priority 4 and PCC priority1,2,3,7,and 8)

This project offers a free gym introductory membership and health and well being programme and offers supported guidance/mentoring into training, employment and education - for young adults out of work and education who live in Stowmarket and surrounding villages who are on the 'Troubled Families' register or are identified as being particularly vulnerable and would benefit from the opportunity to take part in this programme.

The aim of this programme is not to duplicate or replicate existing provision but to raise the profile of it and ensure vulnerable young adults can access the services on offer – this programme will offer supported guidance into it – a bridging course to some extent which looks to up skill and improve the self esteem and confidence of young adults through health/exercise benefits and one to one and smaller group mentoring to ensure they know whats on offer for them and how they should go about accessing these opportunities. The programme as well as free use of the gym at [Mid Suffolk] would also offer the youngsters programmed sessions around Smoking Cessation, healthy eating and how to cook, as well as sessions looking at Drug and Alcohol advice and offering places if needed to see counsellors at the Matthew Project or Icen.

The project will act as a bridge allowing the young adults to make supported choices about local training providers and courses available and supporting them to access Job Centre Plus around training providers and courses available locally and also advice and guidance on Job Centre Plus services

Who do you think I am – YMCA awarded 18,500

(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 2 Priority2 and PCC priority1, 3 and 8)

'Who do you think I am?' is a multimedia project for young people to project positive images of young people into the communities in which they live. This will be undertaken through a selection of media routes chosen by the young people who take part. It will also be an intergenerational project which will engage young people and older people in positive dialogues and joint outcomes. The aim is to improve the image of young people in our communities and to raise the self-esteem of those taking part to improve the outputs of these young people in their community. The young people will achieve tangible outputs from the work that they do, such as photos, news stories, films etc and the intangible outputs will include skills and competences that support their CVs and improve their chances of getting into work. The project will aim to work mainly with marginalised groups who are thought to have a restricted representation in mainstream media.

Caring Dads – Mid Suffolk DA Forum awarded £9,500

(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 3 Priority1,2 and 3 and PCC priority3 and 5)

The Caring Dads program focuses on helping men recognize attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours that support healthy and unhealthy father-child relationships, develop skills for interacting with children in healthy ways, and appreciate the impact on children of controlling, intimidating, abusive and neglectful actions including witnessing domestic violence.

The Caring Dads programme is very much seen as early intervention programme working with some of our most vulnerable families and is intended to look at the father/child relationship and help to develop healthy responses between father and children within the family as a whole. This work will contribute to reducing future demand on services which may be needed if these issues are not dealt with at an early stage.

Caring Dads programmes have been rolled out in Lowestoft and Ipswich and based on their successes we now wish to bring this project to the West of the county. At present there are very few trained facilitators who are willing to work in the West of the county due to distance and time management. It is therefore essential that local facilitators are trained specifically to work in the West.

Escape the Trap – Mid Suffolk DA awarded £2,600

(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 3 Priority1,2 and PCC priority3,4 and 5)

The project consists of delivering Domestic abuse training to school staff , volunteer partners, CYP staff and other identified individuals (minimum of 20 people). The plan is to deliver two training programmes for Escape The Trap, followed by Escape The Trap programmes being delivered in high schools and other voluntary organisational settings. The focus of this piece of work is on local work across the three identified districts where provision in space to prevent and respond to domestic abuse in teen relationships. Through preventing repeat abuse and victimisation, focusing on protecting victims and survivors from further abuse, changing attitudes and behaviours to break patterns of abuse to prevent it continuing into adult relationships and supporting young victims .The Escape the Trap programme is a structured 8 week programme usually delivered in school that has been developed to meet the special needs of young people caught up in an abusive and sometimes violent relationship. It addresses attitudes to relationships from a young female perspective, coercion and controlling behaviours used by abusers and gives young people the help and information they need to avoid abusive relationships in the future. A toolkit has been developed and will be provided to support practitioners running the programme.

Stronger families programme – Compassion Babergh awarded £12,760

(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 2, Priority 1 and 2 Theme 3 Priority1,and and PCC priority3, 4 5 and 8)

This project builds on the foundations of Compassion's work already set out as a result of the funding from WSCSP in 2012-13 for the pilot programme. Increasingly Compassion is being approached about providing this specialist therapeutic support for children. Having started the Stronger Families programme in Sudbury and seeing the enthusiasm the programme has been greeted with by the children and mothers, it is evident that the programme needed to be sustained. Continuation of the project will enable the opportunity for further children and young people to participate. This would enable the gathering of consistent, strong evidence and data that could support a bid for more extensive funding with better opportunity for rolling the programme out elsewhere in West Suffolk. Whilst this is an evidence-based programme running in every London borough and in pockets around the UK, it is essential we collate meaningful evidence in Suffolk.

Art for all – National Horse Racing Museum Newmarket awarded £867

(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 2, Priority 2 Theme 3 Priority 2,and and Theme 4 priority 3 and PCC priority2 and 7) Newmarket Open Door is a charity which provides support and accommodation for vulnerable young people aged 16-24 from Newmarket and its immediate surroundings. Typically, they may have experienced issues such as abuse or addiction. With one exception, they are unemployed and not in education. Open Door supports these individuals with accommodation and can provide the opportunity to work in their charity shop, where appropriate, in order to help them re-integrate into the community in a positive capacity. So far, there has never been an offer of art or of a creative nature made to the residents although it has been identified that a significant number of them would be interested and would benefit from such an activity. This project will be a pilot project with 8-12 participants from the Open Door charity.

These participants will be identified and invited by the charity's staff. The project will take the form of 6 sessions held every other week. The end of the 6 week course will be marked by an exhibition of work at which a certificate will be presented to each participant. Exhibition space has already been identified and it is intended that as well as an opening with invited guests, the exhibition should be open to the public.

It is hoped that the participants will gain confidence and self-esteem. They will find themselves in a sociable situation and interacting with people who may previously have seemed distant to them. They will feel part of the community and will have a sense of belonging; they will also have had the opportunity to gain new skills, be welcomed into a new positive environment and have positive interactions and outcomes. Learning enriches life and this club offers the opportunity to learn in a safe environment, particularly for those who may have had limited success in previous learning situations. The exhibition and certificate

will provide a more tangible record of achievement which will help promote recovery and re-integration into the community.

No Compromise Babergh awarded £1,912

(This EOI supported WSCSP Theme 1, Priority 2 and 3 Theme 2 Priority1, 2, and 3 Theme 4 priority 1 and 2, Theme 5 priority 2 and PCC priority1,2,3 and 8)

This project addresses the emerging issue of alcohol abuse in areas of Gt Cornard and Sudbury. It is a partnership project with each partner having a specific role which, holistically will reduce youth vulnerability and ASB by educating young people of the dangers of substance misuse and diverting their activities into positive contributions in the community.

Local Youth Workers will engage with young people in Gt Cornard (Sycamore Rd) to establish their needs, and introduce them to local activities by signposting them to nearby amenities and clubs.

Matthew Project: Will bring their 'Voicebox' caravan to Sycamore Rd and Sudbury skate park for 6 weeks to offer information, counselling, support and education by substance misuse professionals.

Police: Will engage with the local community to establish the extent of the problem, identify young people at risk and refer them to the youth services, liaise with the school for drop-in sessions and deal with repeat offenders.

District Council: Coordinate project, liaise with youth services, police and residents and apply for funding bids. Assist residents to established sustainable activity/youth forum for young people.

Town Council: Provide Youth Bus and workers for 4 weeks in Gt Cornard and 4 weeks in Sudbury (already underway). Erect signage at skate-park regarding 'no alcohol'

School: Fully supportive of project and ensuring time is given to assemblies/drop in sessions by the Police/Youth workers to highlight issues and encourage young people to sign up to positive activities in the community (I.E. litter-picking).

Parents: Establishing a group to work with young people in the area to set-up a place for them to meet and hold activities, and develop a youth forum so young people can raise their concerns at local meetings

The above list indicates the financial support to date from the WSCSP, however the partnership are also key partners in a number of initiatives (continuation or implementation), although not directly funded through the WSCSP these are detailed in Appendix C.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A total of £71,662.58 has been allocated against a total allocation of £72,238.27.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

No risks

| ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED) | PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO' |
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| Has legal advice been sought on this submission? | |
| Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted? | |
| Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate? | |
| Have human resource implications been considered? | |
| Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan? | |
| Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation? | |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed? | |
| In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission? | |