

Report to Sheffield Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership Board

Title	Home Office Early Serious Violence Early Interventions Youth Fund		
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Purpose of Paper			
Key Messages (Maximum 5)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield have been successful with their bid to the Home Office’s Serious Violence Early Interventions Youth Fund. Sheffield’s bid is part of a co-ordinated response to increasing levels of violent crime in Sheffield involving young people. • The funding will provide two areas of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Universal Peer Education & Skills Based Programme ○ Targeted Youth Engagement Programme 			
Summary of Decisions for Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership Board			
To note update			
Related Safer & Sustainable Communities Priorities			
(Please place an X in the box next to each relevant objective)			
1. Gang and youth violence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Domestic abuse and VAWG	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Hate Crime against the most vulnerable	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Partnership Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Modern Slavery	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Background documents (please list)			
Is the report to be included in a closed section of the meeting?		no	

Home Office Early Serious Violence Early Interventions Youth Fund

Sheffield's Successful Bid

It was announced by the Home Office yesterday that Sheffield have been successful with their bid to the Serious Violence Early Interventions Youth Fund. Sheffield's bid is part of our co-ordinated response to increasing levels of violent crime in Sheffield involving young people. The funding will provide two areas of work:

Universal Peer Education & Skills Based Programme: Project 0114

The funding will provide for a schools based peer education offer for all Sheffield secondary schools and Y6 in targeted primary schools, which involves a series of information and skills based sessions. This will be aligned to the PHSE curriculum. The programme will be co-delivered by a qualified youth worker and a young person. A pool of young people will be trained for this role and their involvement will be accredited where appropriate. This universal offer will provide information to young people about child criminal exploitation, and the effects of knife and gun crime - utilising a youth mentoring evidence based approach.

Targeted Youth Engagement Programme: Project 0114

The funding will allow for the delivery of a targeted youth engagement programme for young people aged 10-13 who are at risk of involvement in youth violence. There is increasing evidence that young people within this age group are being groomed for gang involvement and are at risk of involvement in serious violence. The programme will be delivered in five areas of the city. These are the four priority communities identified in the local VCOC Strategy (Broomhall, North East Sheffield, Manor Castle/Arbourthorne; Burngreave/Pitsmoor) and one emerging area - Low Edges – where there has been a spike in serious violent incidents involving young people.

Each project will run on two evenings per week, engage with up to 60 young people and will be co-designed by the young people themselves. The vehicle for engagement will be arts, music, media or sports. The programme will be led by Sheffield Futures in partnership with an anchor VCF organisation within each community where available. Each project will deliver *The Princes Trust Achieve* programme. This skills based modular programme will aim to build young people's resilience to a range of vulnerabilities associated with gang and youth violence and child criminal exploitation; will deliver a range of social and personal development skills, as well as transition skills into the world of work; and can be accredited where appropriate.

A comprehensive pathway will be identified for those young people identified through the programme as high risk of serious violence involvement. This will include safeguarding referral to the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub, which could lead to a range of outcomes depending on need including: referral into the Community Youth Teams for more intensive

one to one or group support; referral into the multi-agency child criminal exploitation hub at Fortify; or family support and intervention through MAST - as part of our city-wide continuum of Targeted Plus support.

The successful bid involved numerous partners including Sheffield Futures, who are the main delivery partner, SCC Commissioning, Inclusion and Learning, Children and Families, the Community Safety Partnership, South Yorkshire Police and engagement from the various VCF organisations in the targeted localities. All bids had to be agreed and submitted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Home Office fund will be received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and initially be received by Sheffield Futures, as the main delivery partner. The funding covers activities in the remainder of 2018/19 and for the whole of 2019/20 and totals £541,248.

The Council will now work with partners to set up and implement these services to a very short timescale and a partnership steering group (including representatives from Council Commissioning, Youth Services, SY Police, VCF, NHS and the Office of the PCC) will continue to monitor and evaluate the progress of the 0114 Project.

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