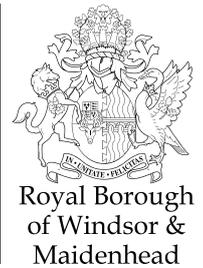


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SUMMARY

The Royal Borough's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is comprised of agencies including the Police, health, fire and rescue service, other council delivered services and key external stakeholders delivering interventions for residents, businesses and visitors across the borough.

The CSP deliver a suite of interventions each year to address the needs identified and agreed upon by all stakeholders. These interventions are funded wholly or in-part through a bidding process in conjunction with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The interventions to be delivered in 2020/21 span a range of services across Child Exploitation, Youth Offending, Substance Misuse, Domestic Abuse, Rough Sleeping and Mental Health Outreach and outline details are provided in section 2 of the report.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is to deliver safer communities as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent relevant legislation. In doing this, the partnership will co-ordinate community safety activity in the Royal Borough at a strategic level; to reduce crime and the fear of crime and to improve the quality of life of residents.
- 1.2 This activity goes far wider than just policing and is about ensuring all agencies work closely together to safeguard and put residents first; striving to promote stronger communities in partnership with local stakeholders; aiming to keep crime and anti-social behaviour levels low and public confidence high.
- 1.3 To achieve these strategic aims, key stakeholders from across a range of partners including blue light services, statutory agencies and other non-statutory bodies work together to share intelligence and identify any key areas of need.
- 1.4 The CSP board will then develop interventions to problem-solve and address any key needs identified; utilising and allocating the funding afforded to it by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
- 1.5 On 23 December 2019 the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service announced the police funding settlement for 2020/21; allowing sufficient funding nationally for the recruitment of an initial 6,000 additional police officers by March 2021 plus associated infrastructure costs. Thames Valley has been allocated an additional 183 police officers and plans are already in place to recruit them as soon as practically possible.

- 1.6 In addition, the OPCC confirmed that the Royal Borough's Community Safety Fund allocation for 2020/21 will be maintained at the same level as in 2019/20 – equating to £148,921.
- 1.7 The Royal Borough made the strategic decision in 2016 to move away from the historic formula of automatic funding allocation, to a fully commissioned model; whereby services from across the partnership are invited to bid for funding each year for innovative interventions.
- 1.8 These bids are subject to ratification by the partnership (approved in January for the subsequent 2020/21 fiscal year) to ensure they meet the needs identified by partners and subsequently approve a spend plan for submission to and final approval by the OPCC in March. The bids ratified for the coming financial year are set out in section 2.

2 CSP Proposed Spending Plan

Children's Services

- 2.1 **Exploitation group work programme:** aimed at engaging young people identified at risk of exploitation. These sessions to be rolled out during the holidays, as it is recognised that they are the most vulnerable periods for young people in the calendar year.
- 2.2 **Defeat Don't Repeat – Army Programme:** The Army has rolled out a programme known as 'Life Maps' which is a five day programme run at the army barracks in Liss for young people identified at risk of exploitation. This funding will allow us to partner with the Army to support 30 of our young people.
- 2.3 **Youth Work Support for Care Leavers:** extending a mentoring service and additional targeted support. This will ensure care plans can be provided by workers who have both experience in exploitation and supporting young people. The programme would liaise with the Community Rehabilitation Company and Probation to share knowledge and skills to best support 'preventative' measures for this cohort of young people.
- 2.4 **PCC Intervention Support Staff:** financing 18 hours per week spread across the Youth Offending Team (YOT). This money will be ring-fenced to ensure the outcomes in the Achieving for Children bids are reached. In order to retain consistency and sustainability for families, and avoid commissioning external independent providers. The bid acknowledges that the YOT hold a substantial amount of specialism and expertise in the team and RBWM knows that working on this model derives better outcomes – reference drawn to the Specialist Mentors programme being based on this delivery method and is seeing great outcomes for RBWM young people.
- 2.5 **Family Support Staff Training:** programme to increase knowledge of holistic family support. Key aims being to develop and enhance this service and incorporate a better understanding of trauma within practice. It will be essential to incorporate the work with the families to ensure that there is a positive and sustained change for young people.
- 2.6 **Connecting Families Programme:** widening the roll-out of the parenting group; building upon the 2019/20 success. Looking to increase by 20 parents with 90% identifying improved family outcomes.

2.7 **Child to Parent Abuse Programme:** addressing a pattern of physical, psychological and emotional behaviour seen in children and adolescents who cannot regulate their feelings in other ways and/or have a great need to gain control over their parent/s or carers. Looking to increase by 30 children who will benefit from these services with 90% identifying improved family outcomes.

2.8 **YOT Mentoring Programme:** to achieve 25% uplift in volunteer numbers.

Drug & Alcohol Support

2.9 **Substance Misuse Outreach Worker (SMOW):** working in partnership with local charities and statutory agencies such as TVP and Community Wardens and the Windsor Homeless Project. Outreach is conducted within our communities alongside PCSOs, Wardens and the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Coordinator.

Community Protection

2.10 **DASH Charity Funding:** Provision of 2 Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs); one children's and one adult's and one outreach worker to increase victim confidence in the reporting of Domestic Abuse to the Police and partner agencies with a targeted reduction in the number of repeat incidents / serious repeats discussed at partnership meetings such as MARAC and DARIM.

2.11 **MEAM Coordinator Sundries Funding:** to work with and support rough sleepers in the borough; to engage with support services and reduce associated ASB and offending.

2.12 **Alternative Giving – Kickstarter funding:** to provide capital to produce an alternative giving solution – diverting money away from drugs and into supporting organisations.

2.13 **MEAM Partnership Shared IT Platform:** to allow all partners working with rough sleepers to share intel and coordinate support offers.

2.14 **Mental Health Dual-Diagnosis Support Worker:** to fund in partnership with CMHT to support the mental health support element present in all of the MEAM cohort. This worker will work in partnership with the MEAM Coordinator and Drug & Alcohol Outreach workers.

3 NEXT STEPS

3.1 Approval of spend plan by the PCC is not expected until March 2019,, and will incorporate the initiatives into a spending and action plan, to enable the OPCC to monitor and track delivery.

3.2 The CSP will also be working over the next quarter to review the detail available on the RBWM website, for the public to better understand the various initiatives to be delivered by the CSP.

3.3 The next CSP is scheduled for Thursday 19th March and will meet quarterly throughout 2020/21.