



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Cleveland Divert - Adult Deferred Prosecution Scheme Grant Extension

Executive Summary:

In preparation to commission early intervention schemes and establish a local evidence-base to understand 'What Works' to address the risk of adult offending and re-offending behaviour in Cleveland, in October 2018 the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated funding to support the development and delivery of Cleveland Divert - Adult Deferred Prosecution Scheme (DRF Ref. 2018 - 128519 refers).

In accordance with existing PCC grant arrangements a phased roll-out of Cleveland Divert commenced in January 2019, with full scheme roll-out going live from April 2019 onwards.

Latest performance information, April 2019 – December 2019 shows that 298 accepted referrals into the scheme, with 75% of cases successfully closed during this time period 'Needs Met'.

Current PCC grant arrangements in place with Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (DTV CRC) for the delivery of Cleveland Divert come to an end on 31st March 2020. Liaison with DTV CRC, Cleveland Police and National Probation Service recognise the value of Cleveland Divert and the structured early intervention offer/problem solving approach that the scheme brings to addressing the underlying causes for adult offending behaviour at the earliest opportunity, and how the scheme fits with the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan, Local Criminal Justice Partnership and Cleveland Reducing Re-offending Group.

It is requested that current grant arrangements supporting Cleveland Divert are extended for a further 12 months, up to 31st March 2021 to the value of £191,630, to allow the following:

1. Build a stronger evidence base – Divert has been fully operational for 9 months since April 2019 and as such the evidence base for the scheme is still evolving. A further extension of 12 months would allow 24 months of data to be captured providing a stronger evidence base to inform/influence co-commissioning opportunities as outlined below.

2. Exploration of co-commissioning opportunities – As part of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Probation Reform Programme, a newly appointed North East Regional Director of Probation (to come into post in April 2020) will have an Outcome and Innovation Fund to build capacity and drive innovation in cross cutting approaches to tackling wider system outcomes, encourage joint investment and co-commissioning. The MoJ have indicated that this funding is to be used for services that are not part of sentence delivery - and have cited interest in early intervention services thus providing a future co-commissioning opportunity for Divert. A 12 month extension of Divert would align with these probation changes. In addition, early discussions have commenced with NHS England and the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) in relation to liaison and diversion services and links to the delivery of out-of-court disposals – subsequently providing another opportunity for co-commissioning and/or nominating Cleveland as a national pilot site.

There is a continued partnership commitment from DTV CRC and Cleveland Police for the delivery of the Divert scheme for a further 12 months, and the extension offers a genuinely justifiable reason to retain a quality service and ensure a continuity of service provision throughout the PCC election period.

Decision:

To approve funding for a 12 month extension (1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021) for Cleveland Divert - Adult Deferred Prosecution Scheme.

OPCC Lead Officer: Lisa Oldroyd, Commissioner's Officer for Crime, Offending and Justice

Contractor Details (if applicable): Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The funding to support this proposal was included in the February 2019 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that was approved by the PCC and it is planned to keep this funding in the 2020 LTFP. The affordability of this is subject to confirmation of the overall funding available to the PCC for 2020/21 however the CFO thinks that the risks are limited and it is unlikely that this is an area where funded would be stopped in 2020/21 if cuts/savings are required to balance the 2020/21 budget.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief Executive is satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Deferred Prosecution Schemes feature as recommendations in the Lammy Review and Ministry of Justice Female Offender Strategy as effective schemes to divert BAME individuals and females away from the Criminal Justice System.

Human Rights Implications

None arising

Sustainability Implications

Future co-commissioning opportunities will be maximised.

Risk Management Implications

None arising

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed  Date 20/1/20

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 20/1/20