



**PCC’s Government Grant Income 2022-5
Report to the Police and Crime Panel October 2022**

**APPENDIX C:
Government Grants 2022-5: Sustainability planning and mitigation**

The loss of the PCC’s restricted grant funding is largely not imminent (with the exception of Safer Streets 4, which is due to finish in September 2023). However, the potential impact is significant, and long term sustainability planning and risk mitigation is required to minimise the impact of potential funding reductions. A detailed risk register is being developed for each funding stream. In the meantime, below is an overview of current thinking, including crucial support that will be lost and planned activity to sustain the benefits of the programme and/or mitigate its loss.

Grant	Critical support that will be lost when funding finishes	Sustainability planning and mitigation for loss of funding
Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)	<p>Funding for all VRU staff posts (£433,947 in 22/23)</p> <p>Funding for all VRU commissioned interventions including detached outreach, youth diversion and therapeutic interventions - majority of beneficiaries are vulnerable children and young people (£687,307 in 22/23)</p>	<p>The VRU sustainability framework focuses on a number of areas:</p> <p>Human Capital VRU continue to upskill providers through the Incubation Hub and Youth Work Strategy,</p> <p>Results Orientation Providers are supported to access independent evaluation to enable them to leverage funding from other sources for current and future years</p> <p>Economic VRU currently access match funding, where possible, for example from Nottingham Forest Community Trust and the Nottingham Business Improvement District.</p> <p>We also continue to seek additional funding from Home Office, Youth Endowment Fund and other sources.</p>
Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) – Teachable Moments – Divert Plus	<p>Targeted support for children and young people aged 10-17 years entering custody in the City and County. The intervention seeks to reduce first time entrants in the criminal justice system as well as re-offending, there is a risk that this may rise and that children and young people will not access out of court disposals to the same extent.</p>	As above

<p>YEF – Focussed Deterrence</p>	<p>This project is still in its development stage, however, it is anticipated that if not funded in the longer term there would be reduced opportunity to target support and enforcement toward those offending as part of a group dynamic.</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>In addition this project includes in kind resources provided by Youth Justice Services in the City.</p>
<p>Safer Streets 4</p>	<p>The programme provides discrete support for safer streets, targeted at the highest need areas. The PCC’s successful bids to Safer Streets rounds 1-4 and 2021-2 Safety of Women at Night funding have supported areas with the greatest need.</p> <p>However, the funding is very tightly defined geographically and therefore it is likely that there will still be a need for further support to create Safer Streets.</p>	<p>All the Safer Streets bids have included some activity which provides long term benefits that are beyond the funding period. Some examples are listed here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of ANPR cameras • CCTV installations and refuge points • Target hardening of individual homes and vehicles at highest risk • Violence against women and girls (VAWG) related campaigns • VAWG training for night-time economy and transport staff • Safe Space Pledge for night-time economy venues • Diversionary activity <p>The PCC will bid for further funding opportunities if they are available.</p>
<p>Domestic Abuse (DA) Perpetrator</p>	<p>The Home Office provides 50% of the funding for the perpetrator programme, with the remaining 50% provided by the PCC.</p> <p>It may not be possible to sustain the programme in full without further Home Office funding. This will mean there is a gap in provision for domestic abuse perpetrators in Notts.</p>	<p>The DA Perpetrator Programme is a pilot and is being independently evaluated to help the PCC understand if it is a good use of funding. The evaluation report is due in November 2022. This will inform discussions about future provision, including with partners as to whether or not it should be entirely funded locally.</p> <p>In addition, the Home Office has previously indicated that further funding opportunities may be available. The PCC will submit a bid if there is a further opportunity.</p>
<p>Children Affected by Domestic Abuse</p>	<p>The PCC has only recently secured this funding and it has yet to be awarded. It will support a range of new and expanded activity to support children and young people affected by domestic abuse. Whilst some sustainability has been built into the bid, the need for support will not finish when the funding expires, potentially causing a gap in help.</p>	<p>Sustainability has been built into the bid, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for early years and schools for pay for support once it has been developed as part of the bid • Partnership work with the Integrated Care Board to ensure better mental health support for children and young people <p>The PCC will also seek further funding opportunities.</p>

Victims Services Grant (VSG)	The grant funds a range of domestic abuse and sexual violence support services and Notts Victim CARE. It funds well over half of local victims support services and potential loss of funding will fundamentally undermine local victim support provision.	The loss of this grant is considered very unlikely as it is a core requirement for PCCs to commission local victim support services.
VSG Uplift	This uplift has only recently been awarded to the PCC and has not yet been allocated to services.	
Devolved Rape Support Fund (RSF)	This funding supports the specialist hub and therapy service and its potential loss would substantially undermine the PCC's ability to deliver its co-commissioned specialist sexual violence therapy.	<p>The Devolved RSF is part of a long standing funding stream administered by Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for which MoJ typically directly grant funds third sector organisations. In 5 areas including Notts MoJ has awarded the funding to the PCC as a test to see if local PCC led sexual violence commissioning can work. The test is being evaluated by MoJ.</p> <p>Nottinghamshire is already recognised nationally as an area of good practice in commissioning sexual violence support. The PCC will work with MoJ to ensure that the benefits of a PCC led commissioning approach for sexual violence is recognised, understood and sustained.</p> <p>If this is not possible then mitigation will be considered as below.</p>
Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) Uplifts 1-3	The potential loss of ISVA uplift funding will mean that services will lose half their funding and specialist posts. It will not be possible to deliver safe ISVA support in the current format.	<p>The funding uplifts are the latest of a series of uplifts for domestic abuse and sexual violence (DSVA) support services since the beginning of the pandemic. MoJ awarded the funding in recognition of the pandemic's impact on DSVA survivors, the delays in the court system and the subsequent need for expanded support services.</p> <p>DSVA services are co-commissioned, led either by the local authorities or the PCC. The PCC will work with partners to mitigate the risk of funding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • taking a whole systems approach to assessing needs and prioritising support functions • monitoring demand for support and flow through services • conducting needs assessments where appropriate to inform re-commissioning approaches
Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) Uplifts 1-2	The potential loss of IDVA uplift funding will undermine commissioned services ability to provide safe support for MARAC and meet SafeLives Guidance. In addition specialist support, such as for Deaf women, will be lost.	
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Violence Uplift	The potential loss of this funding will mean that some services (such as family court support, domestic abuse therapy and specialist support for BAME survivors) will be unable to continue.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• managing contract lifetimes to ensure maximum flexibility to accommodate adaptations in funding• scaling back services to fit budgets, redesigning services where necessary to fit budgets, whilst ensuring that services continue to be safe and meet the needs of the most vulnerable victims and survivors• co-commissioning redesigned services where necessary• lobbying locally and nationally to ensure sufficient funding is available to support survivors.
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