



Cambridgeshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

Date: 14 July 2015

CREATION OF A SUBSTANCE MISUSE 'INNOVATION FUND' IN PETERBOROUGH

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board ("the Board") on the Police and Crime Commissioner's ("the Commissioner") intention to create an Innovation Fund to sit alongside the new integrated drugs and alcohol treatment contract in Peterborough.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to agree to the creation of the Innovation Fund.
- 2.2 The Commissioner signs the Decision Notice to create the fund and commits to providing £150,000 in 2016/17 to Peterborough City Council for this purpose.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Commissioner has contributed a sum of money (historical Drugs Intervention Programme funding) to Peterborough City Council annually. This money was placed into a pooled budget to provide drugs services in the city. In particular this money secured criminal justice pathways into drugs treatment following positive drugs tests in custody.
- 3.2 Peterborough City Council are re-commissioning this service as part of a wider integrated drugs and alcohol treatment system. This five-year contract will be awarded in time for a 1st April 1 2016 start date. In the current funding climate it would be difficult for the Commissioner to commit to five years of funding.

3.3 However the Commissioner, Cambridgeshire the Constabulary and Peterborough City Council are still keen to ‘work in partnership’ to tackle drugs misuse and associated crimes and develop innovative practices to reduce the crime and disorder linked to wider substance misuse. In particular all three parties are keen to reduce the demand placed on statutory services as a result of drugs and alcohol misuse.

4. Substance Misuse Innovation Fund

4.1 The creation of an annual Innovation Fund will allow the Commissioner greater flexibility to tackle the local crime and disorder associated with drugs and alcohol misuse. It also encourages innovation by the integrated drugs and alcohol treatment provider to complement the prescribed activities within the main contract specification.

4.2 The Innovation Fund would operate on an annual cycle in which the treatment provider will be invited to submit proposals. Proposals which actively involve partner agencies, for example mental health services, will be encouraged.

4.3 A series of outcome measures will be set each year. The provider will be expected to demonstrate how they will contribute to the achievement of these outcomes. For 2016/17 this is likely to include a reduction in the demand for police custody resources.

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