

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**  
**BOARD**

**15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**LRSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME**  
**COMMISSIONER**

**Background**

1. The Executive team supporting the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire is known as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This team has been put together specifically to enable the PCC to successfully carry out his duties. The OPCC is led by a Chief Executive, whose responsibility is to manage the staff team and provide a monitoring role to ensure that standards remain high. The team also includes a Chief Finance Officer to advise the PCC on financial matters and the impact of any decisions regarding the budget, spending and commissioning. Other specialist staff provide support on key areas of business and manage the administrative functions of the OPCC.

**Notable developments and challenges:**

**Past Year**

2. The OPCC were successful in securing funding from Safer Streets 5 for Oadby and Wigston and Melton Mowbray with an indicative funding total of £600k approximately. Safer Streets have since informed that Year 1 funding (to March 2024) is secure, but Year 2 funding is indicative until an award statement is agreed, this could be early in the new year. The bid for Oadby and Wigston focuses on Neighbourhood Crime while the bid for Melton Mowbray focuses on Anti-social Behaviour and includes the recruitment of a Project Officer to oversee delivery. The Violence Reduction Network were also successful in a bid to secure funding to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), including appointing a VAWG Lead to sit within the OPCC. Recruitment has been completed, vetting is underway and the new post should commence January/February 2024.
3. The OPCC is currently grant funding over 70 projects through Community Safety Partnership funding across the city, districts and Rutland.
4. The OPCC has successfully awarded a new 2.5 million Victims First contract. The incumbent provider, Catch 22, will continue to deliver victim support services with significant additionality, including outreach and a specific offer to Under 25's as victims of crime, a mobilisation to significant events in the

community facility and a police-based Victim Liaison Unit (VLU). The VLU will work with the force and Project 360 to develop an offer to repeat and medium risk victims. The new service will also work alongside other OPCC commissioned services to embed prevention into support, for example: referring directly into first risk perpetrator programmes and empowerment support courses – providing prevention work to offenders and support to survivors.

### **Coming Year**

5. The OPCC has commenced work on the new 'Target Hardening' contract, which provides home assessments, advice and in cases that meet the criteria, locks etc to secure the property. Referrals can be made from the police, victim support services and domestic abuse support providers. Target hardening provides reassurance to victims of crime, empowers them to take action to prevent future crime and can act as deterrent. The contract is to commence April 2024. Part of the new success criteria will sit with widening the referral routes and linking into police monitoring targets.
6. Both the Adult and Childrens/Young Peoples SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centres) are up for procurement in 2025, these contracts are procured alongside and with funding from NHS England. The CYP SARC is funded across the East Midlands, and is currently located in Nottingham and Northampton, due to the local authority footprint size and the specialist nature of the services provided. The OPCC will be working on this over the next year.
7. The OPCC is working in partnership with Public Health, Leicester and Leicestershire Bereavement by Suicide. This programme will link into the recently implemented layers of policing and provide a unique offer of support to individuals and families affected by death by suicide.

### **Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners**

8. The OPCC is reviewing the framework for Community Safety Partnership (CSP) grants to start April 2024. Relevant partners are meeting in December to discuss options.

### **Issues in local areas**

9. If the indicative Safer Streets 5 Year 2 funding is not provided, this will affect Oadby and Wigston and Melton Mowbray. The OPCC has included a contingency option for these areas for the maintenance of CCTV etc equipment for Year 2.

### **Recommendations for the Board**

10. The Board note the contents of this report.

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