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FAQs: Home Office funding via PCCs

The Home Office has opened the application process for PCCs in England and Wales to apply for grant funding to support the introduction of perpetrator-focused domestic abuse programmes in their area. You can read more information about the funding [here](#).

Where does the funding come from?

On the 3rd of March, the Chancellor announced the 2021 spring Budget. As part of this, £15 million was allocated to responding to perpetrators of domestic abuse across England and Wales. Subsequently, an additional £10 million was announced as part of a serious violent crime package to fund behaviour change work with perpetrators. This means a total of £25 million is being injected into the sector to support work with perpetrators.

On Friday 21 May, the Home Office announced that part of this pot, £11.1 million, is now open for Police and Crime Commissioners to bid for funding in their area.

What is the funding for?

This funding is for perpetrator-focused domestic abuse programmes across England and Wales.

The Home Office have outlined their specifications for this funding. There are three areas of focus:

- 1. Programmes that address known issues in relation to DA offending (£7.1m).**

We want to increase the geographic expansion of programmes and the target cohort through adaptation of programmes to reach wider needs.

These include programmes that adopt a whole-system approach which enable perpetrators to fully participate in behaviour change, including addressing factors which increase the likelihood of reducing violence, such as substance misuse and addressing mental health support needs; and those that work with perpetrators during times of known trigger events, for example a partner's pregnancy and loss of employment.

We also welcome bids that focus on early intervention and prevention in the community, for example education on healthy relationships.

- 2. Programmes that focus on children and adolescents (£2m).**

We know that many young women aged between 16–20 were victims of domestic abuse. The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) year ending March 2020 showed that women aged 16 to 19 years were significantly more likely to have been victims of domestic abuse in the last year,– however, there is little dedicated provision for support or activity to tackle those who perpetrate abuse in their adolescent relationships.

We are also aware of the increasing demand for programmes that work with children and adolescents who are violent or abusive towards their parents and carers so welcome bids that address child/ adolescent to parent abuse. A recent report suggested that nearly 70% of practitioners had seen an increase in referrals for families experiencing child/ adolescent to parent abuse during the COVID pandemic.^[1]

It is a requirement that any programme that addresses this should be embedded within child safeguarding and child protection principles and practice.

3. Programmes aimed at stalking perpetrators (£2m).

Data available for 2019/20 estimates there were 1.3m victims of stalking aged 16–59 in the last year, yet there is limited provision to tackle perpetrators. Programmes aimed at domestic abuse offenders which are not specifically focused on stalking behaviours tend not to be of value for stalking perpetrators, and can even lead to a worsening in their behaviour. We therefore are encouraging bids that are specifically aimed at stalking perpetrators. This could include bids focused on particular stalker typologies/motivation profiles.

Stalking Protection Orders (SPO), which came into force in January 2020, allow magistrates' courts to impose restrictions and positive requirements on perpetrators. Positive requirements could include perpetrator programmes, and such a requirement may be the best way of ensuring that the perpetrator's behaviour changes and that they do not breach the terms of the SPO. An expansion in the provision of perpetrator programmes will provide more options to magistrates' courts to include such requirements in the terms of an SPO.

We welcome bids that address: stalking in a domestic abuse setting (i.e. where the victim is someone they are 'personally connected' to); stalking not in a domestic abuse setting; or both.

Services are invited to apply for funding to support work that falls under these categories.

When does this opportunity go live/ when is the deadline?

This opportunity is now live. The closing date for bids is 2 July. The funding period is from 1st August 2021 – 31st March 2022, and there is a 4-month

^[1] https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/final_report_capv_in_covid-19_aug20.pdf

match funding requirement, which can be in kind, for 1st April 2022 – 31st July 2022.

Further information can be found on the [Home Office website](#).

How will the funding be allocated?

Grants will be provided to PCCs as the lead partner, but the expectation is that PCCs will deliver the intervention in collaboration with a partner organisation.

How can services apply for funding?

Services looking to deliver this work can [contact their PCC](#). Each PCC area may have a different approach to seeking delivery partners with their own timelines, so keep an eye on their website for any announcements or email them to find out more.

Who can apply for this funding?

This funding is for work with perpetrators, so we are encouraging perpetrator services to apply through their local PCC. When building proposals, perpetrator intervention providers will need to ensure survivor support included in their applications and may wish to establish new or extended partnerships with survivor services that can help them expand the geographical reach of their provision (see below for further detail around this).

How can we expand the geographical reach of our work?

Where perpetrator services are delivering existing programmes, we encourage these services to explore the potential of collaborating with local survivor services to build capacity and expand their geographical reach. Services can find their local survivor services using the following tools:

- Women's Aid: [Directory of services](#)
- Safe Lives: [Leading Lights accredited services –](#)
- Safe Lives: [SafeLives Community – connect with local specialist orgs here](#)
- Imkaan: [Directory of services supporting Black and minoritised communities](#)
- Welsh Women's Aid: [Directory of local services in Wales](#)

We know that partnerships like these can be successful in creating a service that keeps survivors safe and gives perpetrators the opportunity to change.