

1 Freedom of Information
Quarterly Disclosure Log

1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024



Ref No	Request	Response
13/24	<p>Please confirm if the VRU has a detailed Theory of Change or Logic Model which underpins the Violence Reduction Programme. If yes, please provide:</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>b. The date the Theory of Change was formally adopted by the VRU to underpin its Violence Reduction Programme.</p> <p>A Theory of Change model has been adopted since the inception of the Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit in 2019. It has since been updated as part of the development of the Northumbria Response Strategy 2024-29, alongside a range of partners.</p> <p>c. A summary of how the Theory of Change and Logic Model was developed.</p> <p>The Theory of Change was developed with commissioned providers to define milestones, determine outcomes and evaluate impact.</p> <p>For the development of the latest Theory of Change model, a series of round table discussions were held with key partners. On 10 July 2023, a workshop was held with members of the Strategic Violence Reduction Board. On 13 July 2023, a further workshop was held with members of the Serious Violence Delivery Group.</p> <p>Following the workshops, extensive consultation took place with senior leaders on the Strategic Violence Reduction Board to refine the Theory of Change model and ensure it is fit for purpose.</p> <p>The Northumbria Violence Reduction leads on the development of the Theory of Change model alongside commissioned providers, so that milestones and outcomes are agreed. Please see attached documents relating to the following models.</p>

When commissioning services for delivery to the VRU programme, please confirm whether the VRU routinely requests details of the Theory of Change/Logic Models from proposed commissioned providers. If yes, please provide copies of the Theory of Change documents/evidence provided by the last three service providers commissioned by the VRU.

- Northumbria VRU Theory of Change
- Strategic Violence Reduction Board Theory of Change
- Serious Violence Delivery Group Theory of Change
- YOLO Theory of Change
- Focused Deterrence Theory of Change
- Student Support Champions Logic Model

All of this work is required by the Home Office in order to explain the rationale for commissioning interventions. Other than those mentioned above, all other projects adopt the wider Northumbria VRU Theory of Change.

The Theory of Change model is included in the annual evaluation process, of which all VRU activity is evaluated both internally and externally. The most recent evaluation was a Crest Readiness Assessment, undertaken by the Home Office as part of the Serious Violence Duty implementation. Please see the attached document.

Please confirm how often the VRU's Theory of Change has been formally evaluated by the VRU since 2018. Please confirm the dates of any evaluation(s) and a copy of (or link to) any evaluation reports or supporting documents.

Period	Amount £
June 2019 – March 2020	£1,600,000
April 2020 – March 2021	£1,600,000
April 2020 – December 2020	£135,612 (additional Covid Grant)
April 2021 – March 2022	£1,600,000
April 2022 – March 2023	£2,891,384
April 2023 – March 2024	£2,163,720
April 2024 – March 2025	£2,140,937
Total	£12,131,653

Please confirm the level of funding received from the Home Office to support VRU activity since 2018.

1. a. A copy of the Theory of Change and/or Detailed Logic Model or a link to where the Theory of Change is published.
5. Please confirm the number of commissioned services procured by the VRU each year since 2018.
6. For each year since 2018, please confirm how many of these individual commissioned services have been evaluated by the VRU or independently, over and above any overarching evaluation of VRU performance itself.

As the information you have requested at these points is accessible by other means we have not provided you with a copy of the information and will rely on Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You should therefore consider this a refusal for these parts of your request.

We have provided an explanation to this exemption below.

Section 21 (1) - Information accessible by other means

Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant is exempt information.

The Theory of Change Model is published within the Northumbria Response Strategy 2024-29 which can be found on the Police and Crime Commissioners website via the following link:
[Northumbria-Response-Strategy-2024-29.pdf \(northumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

All commissioned services and funding is freely available to view as it is published on the Police and Crime Commissioners website via the following link:
[VRU Funded Interventions - Northumbria PCC \(northumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

Evaluations for some of the interventions are ongoing. However, the latest evaluations available to view on the Police and Crime Commissioners website are as follows:
[Student Support Champions](#)
[Project Based Learning](#)

The Northumbria VRU is also required to participate in national evaluations on an annual basis, through Ecory's and the Home Office, whereby projects are selected for case studies and further analysis.

14/24	Requesting what public meetings the PCC has attended.	Information can be found here - Public Meetings, Surgeries & Events - Northumbria PCC (northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)
16/24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total staffing budget for your PCC's private office and political staff. 2. The total number of staff employed in your PCC's private or political office. 3. The salary banding of those staff. 4. The declarable interests of those staff. 	No information held. The PCC does not have a private office and has no political staff.
17/24	The total sum of money, if any, given to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign in grant funding or other funding, since 2016 to the present day.	No information held. No funding has been given to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign from the OPCC.
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20/24	The Name/Title/Scope of the commissioned programme in your area including programmes designed for male victims that accept/engage/support females	The Northumbria Hub and Spoke Model supports the delivery of 1:1 Intensive Case Management Work for high risk, high harm, and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse regardless of sex or gender identity. The model is delivered across 6 local authority areas and by 4 service providers funded to work in a single local authority area, to attend the local Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) panel and work alongside partner agencies in the delivery of disruption, support and stabilisation and behaviour change interventions. The service is available regardless of sex or gender identity.

	<p>The total number of females who self-referred into the programme</p> <p>The total number of self-referred females who were accepted onto the programme.</p> <p>The total number of self-referred females who have completed the programme</p> <p>The total number of females referred by an agency (e.g., police, social service etc.) into the programme</p> <p>The total number of referred females who were accepted on to the programme</p>	<p>No information held. This model has been created to work with individuals who have been referred by local MATAC panels and partner agencies and the model does not take self-referrals. However, the wider services within which the Hub and Spoke model is based do accept self-referrals and that information may be held by the service providers and/or their commissioners.</p> <p>As per our response to point 2 above.</p> <p>As per our response to point 2 above.</p> <p>Partner agencies did not refer any females for the 1:1 Intensive Case Management Work that lies at the heart of the Hub & Spoke model in 2022-23. However, the wider services within which this model is based may have received referrals for females requiring a lower level of intervention. This information may be held by the service providers and/or their other commissioners.</p> <p>Partner agencies did not accept any females for the 1:1 Intensive Case Management Work that lies at the heart of the Hub & Spoke model in 2022-23. However, the wider services within which this model is based may have accepted referrals for females requiring a lower level of intervention. This information may be held by the service providers and/or their other commissioners.</p> <p>No females completed the programme of 1:1 Intensive Case Management Work that lies at the heart of the Hub & Spoke model in 2022-23. However, the wider services within which this model is based may have recorded completions for one or more females requiring a lower level of intervention. This information may be held by the service providers and/or their other commissioners.</p>
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	<p>The total number of referred females who have completed the programme</p> <p>The names of the organisations who have made a referral to the programme</p> <p>Financial Contributors: (Inclusive of Statutory, Non-Statutory Organisations and individual voluntary donations)</p> <p>Budget inclusive of Running Costs</p>	<p>Referrals for the 1:1 Intensive Case Management Work that lies at the heart of the Hub & Spoke model are made by local MATAC Panels and partner agencies including Northumbria Police, the Probation Service, and Childrens Social Care Services. Referral information is not cross tabulated by the sex/gender of the individual referred.</p> <p>The financial contributors to the Northumbria Hub & Spoke Model include the Home Office, the Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit and each of our 6 local authorities (Northumberland County Council, North Tyneside Council., Newcastle City Council, Gateshead Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council).</p> <p>Funding for the Northumbria Hub & Spoke Model has been secured for April 2022-March 2025. The year 2022-23 was a period of partial, phased development. Service delivery commenced in Gateshead in Quarter 2, in Sunderland and South Tyneside in Quarter 3 and in North Tyneside and Northumberland in Quarter 4. The service for Newcastle commenced service delivery in 2023-24.</p> <p>The 2022-23 budget for the 5 services that commenced service delivery in that year included £199,668 of Home Office funding and £100,000 of Violence Reduction Unit funding. The full funding needed to deliver these services locally (including their Integrated Support Services for victims) can be confirmed by local authority service commissioners.</p>
21/24	For the 3 Month Period. From 2nd February 2024 to 1st May 2024, what	As an elected representative, the PCC is not a member of staff of the OPCC, and as such the former Commissioner did not have to keep a public record of her leave. Elected representatives leading an

Annual Leave or Unpaid Leave was taken by Kim McGuinness.

organisation do not complete timesheets, for example, nor do they have a contracted number of hours to work, but the former Commissioner often worked more than the average working week of 37 hours.

As mentioned previously, the PCCs hours are not Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. In addition to the normal working day commitments, meetings and events take place before and after the normal working days and the former Commissioner attended many events at weekends.

22/24 Transferred to Northumbria Police

23/24	<p>According to the borrowing and investment live table, as of 31 December 2023, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner's outstanding investment in loans to other local authorities was £10,000,000. (Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-local-government-finance)</p> <p>In regards to the above figure, I would like to know: For each individual loan given by the authority:</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="891 470 1090 592">1. The local authority/borrower name</th> <th data-bbox="1090 470 1279 592">2. The amount advanced (the initial amount)</th> <th data-bbox="1279 470 1467 592">3. The outstanding balance as at 31/12/2023</th> <th data-bbox="1467 470 1657 592">4. The interest rate</th> <th data-bbox="1657 470 1848 592">5. The date the loan was agreed</th> <th data-bbox="1848 470 2038 592">6. Loan start date</th> <th data-bbox="2038 470 2231 592">7. The agreed maturity date (the date on which the loan is set to end)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="891 592 1090 662">Eastleigh Borough Council</td> <td data-bbox="1090 592 1279 662">£10,000,000</td> <td data-bbox="1279 592 1467 662">£10,000,000</td> <td data-bbox="1467 592 1657 662">5.50%</td> <td data-bbox="1657 592 1848 662">31/10/2023</td> <td data-bbox="1848 592 2038 662">06/11/2023</td> <td data-bbox="2038 592 2231 662">06/02/2024</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							1. The local authority/borrower name	2. The amount advanced (the initial amount)	3. The outstanding balance as at 31/12/2023	4. The interest rate	5. The date the loan was agreed	6. Loan start date	7. The agreed maturity date (the date on which the loan is set to end)	Eastleigh Borough Council	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	5.50%	31/10/2023	06/11/2023	06/02/2024
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TO22/24	<p>Declarations of interest (and any in-year updates) of the PCC for the following years: 2019 (July-December), 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (January -May)</p> <p>Register of gifts and hospitality declared by the PCC for the following years: 2019 (July-December), 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (January -May)</p>	Information held and sent to requester.
T24/25	Due to naming local residents, the FOI request has not been published.	<p>Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the OPCC.</p> <p>We would like to advise that as you appear to be seeking opinions, rather than information which would be held/recorded by the OPCC your request would not be considered as valid under the Freedom of Information Act. As per Section 84 of the Act, only information held in a recorded format will be considered for the purposes of Freedom of Information (FOI). Therefore, views and opinions will not to be provided unless there is specific recorded information held in relation to the question asked. Under FOI we would only consider the disclosure of actual recorded information.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the OPCC has no role and no access to any information in relation to operational policing matters and this remains under the remit of the Chief Constable of Northumbria Police. Should you wish to submit a valid request for information which is held/recorded by Northumbria Police then we can advise that you can do this via the following link: Make an FOI request to ask for information about the police Northumbria Police.</p>
T25/24	As part of a Home Office/Youth Endowment Fund and Campbell	Document send to requester

Collaboration research project on the reduction of violence among young people, we would like to ask for your help:

We are looking for any unpublished reports, or research done internally, regarding the potential use of Focused Deterrence interventions in Northumbria as tactic/intervention to address serious violence among young people.

Broadly speaking, this would be any intervention that includes provision of support to the offender if they agree to be in the program and desist; alternatively, they would be referred for police enforcement.