

Briefing Note 1: 'Youth Crime: Safer Together Through Sport' Project

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An Introduction to the Briefing Note

In 2015 Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner ran a 2 year sport and crime prevention programme. Partners included 8 other PCCs, Network Rail, and StreetGames as the lead project management agent. Part of that programme was the commissioned evaluation to Loughborough University to identify the top 10 characteristics of community sports interventions and create an evidence base to support the view that this approach contributes to reducing youth offending and ASB

The objectives over the last two years were to:

- Identify and promote the evidence of good practice resulting from collaborations between the community sport and community safety sectors
- Encourage PCCs and other agencies to collaborate with local community sport providers
- Encourage funders, including grant aid regimes in the sports, community safety and charitable sectors, to look favourably upon requests for investment, specifically as co-investors.
- Advocate the professional education of sports and youth justice workers to include the value of sport to community safety.

More detail on the programme findings can be found following [here](#). Safer Together through Sport will build upon the progress and findings of this previous programme.

Programme aims

Over the next two and a half years the programme will address four key aims:

- 1) **To advance the understanding and use of Sport as an effective means to tackle youth generated crime and ASB:**

- This will be through a communication and dissemination strategy that will place the insight of the Loughborough **evaluation** in to the hands of both sectors, locally and nationally.
- Training, workshops, presentations and attendance at key conference will play key roles

2) To create guidelines for effective Early Intervention strategies through best practise assessment:

- Desk and field research will be carried out to identify best practise
- It will enhance the understanding and value of how sport can play a greater role if adopted in early intervention plans
- A toolkit guide will be created for agencies to consider when planning to use sport for early intervention

3) To create a referral framework model that brings together the youth justice and community sport sectors:

- Carry out sector consultation to understand the community safety and sport, needs to shape this thinking
- Design, pilot and test these practises within existing local infrastructures
- Record and evaluate the pilot areas
- Produce a Framework guide on how best to replicate this ambition at scale

4) To support and influence smarter investment into youth & sport prevention activities:

- Utilise the learning from the Loughborough evaluation to emphasise the value of effective commissioning in sport
- Identify and evaluate pilot areas that adopt this learning into their investment regimes
- Design effective guidance for replicating this investment at scale

Where will this be done?

In addition to the lead bidder, Derbyshire PCC, a further 28 Police and Crime Commissioners have committed to supporting the bid, and this way of working, we therefore anticipate that the project will be delivered in the following areas:

• Nottinghamshire	• Kent	• Dyfed Powes
• Greater Manchester	• Lancashire	• Dorset
• West Mercia	• Gloucestershire	• Cambridge
• Northamptonshire	• Cleveland	• Devon and Cornwall
• Northumbria	• Gwent	• Suffolk
• Cheshire	• Warwickshire	• Hampshire
• W Yorkshire	• North Wales	• Norfolk
• N Yorkshire	• Lincolnshire	• Durham
• Humberside	• South Wales	• Leicestershire

**There would be political and programme value in widening the involvement to other interested Police and Crime Commissioners!*

What will be delivered in each area

Training – in order to widen the use of the learning from the Loughborough evaluation, training will be provided to community safety and community sport agencies to enable them to work more closely together. Each PCC area will be offered one training course per year (minimum of 20 people) - from a selection of courses and workshops. . A 3 hour course (focusing on the Loughborough findings), is being designed and is expected to make up the majority of the training to be delivered.

Capacity – Local and national support will be provided through the StreetGames staff team. Each PCC area will benefit from a local team made up of Doorstep Sport Advisors (DSA's) and Network co-ordinators (regionally based staff). The national support will include time from the following functions: National Crime and Sport Lead, the Research and Insight team, the Senior Leadership Team and the StreetGames Training Academy.

Evaluation – the programme will be externally evaluated throughout its life. A competitive tender process will take place to select the body to undertake the evaluation. The evaluation will assess whether the programme meets the aims set out in the application to take forward the evidence based approach and enable more widespread adoption of the learning from the previous programme.

Partnerships – in each of the 26 programme areas, additional resources have been identified to support any local delivery costs required to ensure effective adoption of the approach/learning.

Agreed Project Outcomes

1. Increased cooperation and coordination between police, criminal justice and community sport. PCCs transformed through undertaking policy change by adopting quality assurance standards and frameworks.
2. Increased awareness and understanding of the value of sport as a means of reducing youth generated ASB.
3. A greater understanding of how best to use sport as part of early intervention strategies and guidance prepared and agreed upon by both sectors.
4. Agreement secured about the characteristics of a community project that is a good site for a referral as part of community remedy.
5. New evidence based framework for using sport as a diversionary activity away from youth crime that offers value for money through approved costings.
6. Reduced pathways into crime for vulnerable people
7. Improved skills and competencies of staff in the community safety and community sport sector.

Key deliverables and timescales

PROJECT KEY OUTPUTS		YEAR 1 (OCTOBER 2017- MARCH 2018)						YEAR 2 (APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019)												YEAR 3 (APRIL 2019 - MARCH 2020)											
		PHASE 1						PHASE 2												PHASE 3											
MONTH OUTPUTS		1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Project launch, including mobilisation of core partners through agreed communication plan	█																													
	Creation of National steering group and hold first meeting	█	█																												
	Induction / project planning/Project start up including communications and dissemination plans	█	█																												
	Deliver National Crime Prevention and Sport Conference			█											█													█			
	Tender and appoint evaluation body including regular reporting intervals	█	█				█						█				█							█							
	Design appropriate training and support package for the community sport and safety sectors		█	█	█	█																									
	Agree and establish evidence base		█	█	█	█																									
	Hold national Steering Group meetings				█		█				█			█			█							█			█			█	
	Establish new strategic partnerships x25 PCCs		█	█	█	█																									
	Agree and Integrate local referral arrangements							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
	Deliver a continued cycle of local training and support							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
	Establish 30 new partnership agreements covering investment, evidence and quality assurance							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
	Agree programme exit strategy through mainstreaming																									█	█	█	█	█	█
	End of project impact report and next steps including sustainability recommendations and nationwide replication																											█	█	█	

Appendix C: Programme support structure

