

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (OPCC) Commissioning Framework 2024-25



Commissioning within the OPCC takes two major strands:

- **Supporting victims and witnesses (including secondary victims) – Statutory Responsibility**
- **Preventing crime and offending behaviours**

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) undertakes these responsibilities by way of Commissioning Activity within which there are a number of key contracted and granted services that are commissioned by the PCC, and within the commissioning cycle these fall into four categories:

- a. Those which have recently been re-commissioned and as such are already committed in the budget over the medium term.
- b. Those which are coming to the end of the contract/grant period and are currently undergoing review, or new services are being considered.
- c. Those where reviews are planned for the future due to contracts ending in the medium/longer term.
- d. Those projects which have been funded for a 12-month period and we have to consider sustainability.

This information is used to generate an ongoing schedule of review and scrutiny.

This paper gives an overview of LLR PCC commissioned and grant activity in the short-term (current financial year 2024-25) and medium term (beyond 2025) with reference to the areas of priority under which they funded and the source of allocated funding (Table 1). Areas of designated funding sit within the following priorities:

- Victim services
- Vulnerability
- Prevention
- Community Safety – Community Safety Partnerships and Commissioners Safety Fund
- Partnerships

Long term committed activity:

Victim First –

Victim First is the PCC's statutory responsibility commissioned activity to provide support to victims and witnesses of crime and supports the force to meet their VCOP compliance (Victims Code of Practice - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-code-of-practice-for-victims-of-crime/code-of-practice-for-victims-of-crime-in-england-and-wales-victims-code>) The service is provided by Catch 22 and was recommissioned in 2023 with a start date of 01/04/2024. The contract is commissioned for 5 years (3 plus 1 and 4 plus 1 contract breaks).

Victim Pathway Service –

£80,000 per annum was top sliced from the original victim services budget to provide a dedicated, force-led enhanced service to the most vulnerable victims and repeat victims. Funding committed to run alongside the main contract. Both services are funded through the MoJ Victims Grant.

Sexual Assault Referral Centres –

Funding for the Adult SARC @ Juniper Lodge secured to March 2028

Funding for the combined East Midlands Children's and Young Peoples SARC committed to March 2026, as a partnership agreement variation would need to be negotiated at a regional level.

Substance Misuse Services –

Funding contributions to substance misuse services ties into contracts held by the city and county councils to March 2026 with options to extend for one plus one years to 2028. The city and county contract services separately but have both contracted Turning Point as the provider.

Bereaved by Suicide –

Providing support to families/friends affected by bereavement by suicide. Contract is joint between the OPCC, the city and the county with the OPCC making the smallest contribution, the contract is held by Leicestershire County Council and delivered by the Tomorrow Project, commissioned activity agreed to 2028.

Medium term committed activity:

Helpline & Engagement Service –

Domestic Abuse support services provided by Freeva. Contract runs to March 2025 with options to extend for a further 2 years to 2027. Part of the success of the delivery of this contract is dependent on additional MoJ funding across both Freeva and multiple other agencies which runs to March 2025.

Sexual Violence & Abuse Service –

Support to victims of sexual violence and abuse provided by Freeva, works alongside the SARC delivery. Contract runs to March 2025 with options to extend for a further 2 years to 2027. Supplemented by MoJ grant funding to end March 2025.

PAVE/OCCD/DTOA –

Combined LLR delivery provided by Turning Point. PAVE – specialist outreach mental health support. OCCD – Specialist substance misuse out of court disposal activity. DTOA – Drug Test on Arrest in custody activity (DTOA is subject to a significant MoJ funding cut with the OPCC to utilise People Zone underspend to complete the three year project in Year 24-25). These combined commissioned activities contracted to March 2026 to tie in with main substance misuse contract break.

Partnership activity:

The OPCC contributes to multiple partnership activities which support the work of the OPCC, the force or the local criminal justice activity, these include:

- Children and Adults Safeguarding Boards
- Troubled Families programmes in the city, county, and Rutland
- Integrated Offender Management
- Youth Offending Services
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)
- Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Crimestoppers

Annual commissioned activity:

Community Safety Partnerships - The PCC has a statutory duty to convene Community Safety Partnerships (CSP), funding to CSPs is however discretionary and to be agreed by the PCC. The PCC currently convenes nine CSPs across LLR, for the city, Rutland and each of the county districts. These are currently supported by a grant system year on year. Each CSP has funding directly proportional to their population size, crime rate and crime harm index with the city receiving the highest proportion and Rutland the lowest. Year 24-25 spend is £639,675.

Commissioners Safety Fund - The PCC can deliver a spend commitment to the Commissioners Safety Fund, the current spend is £400,000 per annum. This is discharged through grant rounds

by the PCC to problem solve, meet unmet need, meet emergent needs and are usually allocated in amounts less than £20,000.

Decommissioned Spend Re-profile - In the last financial year, the Target Hardening commissioned service was decommissioned, this spend is reprofiled for 24-25 to victim focused pilots, dependent on impact or direction this funding could be available in 25-26 but must be spent on victim services as it constitutes part of the MoJ Victims Grant.

Short term commissioned activity:

Victim services priorities –

The PCC received an MoJ grant to support specialist domestic abuse and sexual violence services, these grants end March 2025 and account for £435,000 value of specialist delivery. There is no indication that the funding will continue after March 2025 which poses a significant risk to domestic abuse and sexual violence capacity across LLR. These services are provided by a combination of:

- Women's Aid Leicester
- Living Without Abuse
- New Dawn New Day
- Catch 22
- Hope CIC
- Quetzal
- First Step LLR
- Leicester Rape Crisis

Prevention priorities -

DA Perpetrator Programme, provided by Freeva through the Jenkins Centre, funded via MoJ grant to end March 2025. Working across LLR to provide educational courses to domestic abuse perpetrators and additional support to victim/survivors. Annual cost £372,000, there is no indication that this funding will continue post March 2025.

OOCR; Out of Court Resolutions services – the PCC commissions three OOCR activities, outside of the substance misuse activity, these are:

- CARA (Conditional Cautioning and Relationship Abuse) delivered by The Hampton Trust, provides interventions for domestic abuse perpetrators referred through conditional caution and community resolution by the force. Provides additional telephone contact to victim/survivors. Contracted to March 2025 with an option for a one-year extension to March 2026.
- Women's OOCR Interventions – delivered by New Dawn New Day, provides interventions to female offenders referred through conditional caution and community resolution by the force. Contracted to March 2025 with an option for a one-year extension to March 2026.
- Reflect, Young Male Adults Pathway – delivered by Ingeus, provides interventions to male offenders aged between 18 and 25 referred through conditional caution and

community resolution by the force. Contracted to November 2024, extending to March 2025 to tie in all OOCR commissioned activity.

OOCRs are major initiative across criminal justice and as such across Leicestershire Police, this is an area where increased investment would yield impact post March 2025.

Warning Zone – schools activity centre, aimed at preventing future crime, delivered to Year 6 cohorts. Does not demonstrate impact. Contracted to March 2025 with an option for a one-year extension to March 2026.

Serious Violence Duty – funded to March 2025 to implement the Serious Violence Duty across LLR. No further funding post March 2025. Project will be completed.

Community Safety priorities –

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator commissioned to October 2024

Safer Streets 5 – Three projects funded by the Home Office to meet the Round 5 priorities:

- Community safety and target hardening Oadby and Wigston
- Community safety and target hardening Melton
- VAWG Lead and initiatives for Under 25s across LLR

It is expected that the funding will cease as agreed March 2025.

Additional information:

The OPCC constitutes the entity that owns the Violence Reduction Network (VRN). Information pertaining to VRN commissioning activity is to be found in separate papers.

Hotspot Policing – the OPCC will discharge commissioning of grants provided to the force to deliver Hotspot Policing.

Immediate Justice – the PCC will be in receipt of Home Office funding to deliver an Immediate Justice programme from September 2024 to March 2025, funding is expected to be £500,000.

Commissioning outlook:

There is scope within the short term commissioned activity to provide some flexibility of longer-term commissioning options.

Investment in OOCRs will build upon the work started on a local and national footprint.

The disinvestment of MoJ funding for domestic abuse delivery will leave LLR at a significant disadvantage and will drastically reduce capacity in this vital area. Consideration could be given to decommissioning Warning Zone and Neighbourhood Watch, and alongside repurposing Commissioners Safety Fund budget to continue victim focussed commissioned services.

Table 1:

Term	Priority	Project	Provider	24/25 Spend
Long	Victim Services	Victim First	Catch 22	500,000
Long	Victim Services	Victim Pathway Service	Force	80,000
Long	Victim Services	SARC	Force/NHSE	67,906
Long	Victim Services	Paediatric SARC	NHSE/EM OPCCs	20,000
Med	Victim Services	Helpline and Engagement (DA Services)	Freeva	435,455
Med	Victim Services	Sexual Violence and Abuse Services	Freeva	177,053
Partnership	Victim Services	MARAC Manager	Force	28,700
Long	Vulnerability	Leicester City Substance Misuse	Turning Point	219,287
Long	Vulnerability	Leicestershire County Substance Misuse	Turning Point	110,371
Long	Vulnerability	Rutland County Substance Misuse	Turning Point	1,485
Short	Vulnerability	Recovery Hub	Leicester City Council	34,000
Partnership	Vulnerability	Childrens Safeguarding Board	Leicester City Council	103,700
Partnership	Vulnerability	Adults Safeguarding Board	Leicester City Council	
Partnership	Vulnerability	Childrens Safeguarding Board	Leicestershire County Council	97,500
Partnership	Vulnerability	Adults Safeguarding Board	Leicestershire County Council	
Long	Vulnerability	Suicide Bereavement Service	Tomorrow Project	25,000
Med	Vulnerability	PAVE/OOCD/DTOA Custody	Turning Point	131,073
Partnership	Vulnerability	Police Offender Manager	Force	50,000
Partnership	Prevention	IOM	Force	157,575
Short	Prevention	Reflect - Young Adults Pathway	Ingeus	90,000
Partnership	Prevention	Leicester City YOS	Leicester City Council	84,446
Partnership	Prevention	Leicestershire and Rutland YOS	Leicestershire & Rutland Youth Offending	77,934
Partnership	Prevention	Think Family	Leicester City Council	114,750
Partnership	Prevention	Supporting Leicestershire Families	Leicestershire County Council	101,250

Partnership	Prevention	Changing Lives	Rutland County Council	9,000
Short	Prevention	CARA - OOCR Offenders	Hampton Trust	20,000
Short	Prevention	OOCR Female Offenders Programme	New Dawn New Day	32,050
Partnership	Prevention	Crimestoppers National Hub	Crimestoppers	34,210
Partnership	Prevention	Domestic Homicide Reviews	Leicester City Council	16,000
Partnership	Prevention	Domestic Homicide Reviews	Leicestershire County Council	16,000
Med	Prevention	Pathfinder Initiative	U17 Drivers Pathfinder Ltd	8,860
Short	Prevention	Warning Zone	Warning Zone	50,000
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Leicester City PLF	Leicester City Council	271,818
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Rutland PLF	Rutland County Council	19,297
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Blaby PLF	Blaby District Council	52,666
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Charnwood PLF	Charnwood District Council	89,530
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Harborough PLF	Harborough District Council	37,480
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Hinckley and Bosworth PLF	Hinckley and Bosworth District Council	51,218
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Melton PLF	Melton District Council	31,336
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - NW Leicestershire PLF	NW Leicester District Council	53,776
Annual	Community Safety	CSP - Oadby and Wigston PLF	Oadby and Wigston District Council	32,555
Short	Community Safety	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Neighbourhood Watch Network	19,995
Annual	Various	Commissioners Safety Fund	PCC	400,000
Annual	Various	People Zones	OPCC	148,000
Annual	Prevention	Prevention & Diversion	OPCC	400,000
TBC	Victim Services	Other Victim Services	OPCC	103,500
Annual	Various	Emergent Issues	OPCC	49,235
TOTAL				4,654,011

Grants				
Short	Prevention	DA Perpetrator Programme, Jenkins Centre	Freeva	371,859
Short	Community Safety	Safer Streets 5 Melton	OPCC	65,347
Short	Community Safety	Safer Streets 5 Oadby and Wigston	OPCC	49,412
Short	Community Safety	Safer Streets 5 VAWG	OPCC	234,143
Short	Prevention	Serious Violence Duty	VRN	194,313
Short	Victim Services	Project 360	Living Without Abuse	100,167
Short	Victim Services	Pregnancy and Maternity Specialist	Living Without Abuse	32,814
Short	Victim Services	Community Engagement and Counselling	Leicester Rape Crisis	43,500
Short	Victim Services	Domestic Violence Caseworker, Victim First	Catch 22	28,158
Short	Victim Services	Qwell Service (Kooth), Victim First	Catch 22	40,805
Short	Victim Services	Specialist Criminal Justice IDVA	New Dawn New Day	56,730
Short	Victim Services	Empowerment Programme	Women's Aid Leicestershire	38,388
Short	Victim Services	Administrative Support	Women's Aid Leicestershire	25,906
Short	Victim Services	Full Time Male DV Advice Worker	Hope CIC	31,800
Short	Victim Services	Sessional Counsellors	Quetzal	7,625
Short	Victim Services	Emotional Support Worker	First Step LLR	29,450
Med	Victim Services	ISVA Funding	Various	669,809
TOTAL				2,020,226