

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult's Services and Public Health
Date:	21 September 2021
Title:	Serious Violence Reduction Grant
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

1.1 The Executive Member for Adult's Services and Public Health approve a grant to the value of £38,000 for No Limits to implement a second phase of a service tackling risk factors for serious violence in Emergency Departments, as part of a wider public health approach to reducing serious violence in Hampshire.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The proposal is to enable implementation of a second phase of a Reachable/Teachable Moments project in Winchester and Basingstoke Hospitals by building on the model currently running at University Hospital Southampton (which is funded through Southampton budgets). This will support children and young people (up to the age of 25) who present to the Emergency Department with risk factors for serious violence, including exposure to violence or mental health and substance misuse issues.

2.2 There is a coordinated programme of work for the Hampshire VRU that is overseen and agreed by a multi-agency steering group, to ensure that this funding is used in line with an evidence based, public health approach.

2.3 Under the NHS Act 2006 S2B(4), each local authority must take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area. This can include the providing of grants on such terms as the local authority considers appropriate.

2.4 This project is part of a coordinated programme of work being implemented in Hampshire to tackle serious violence, funded by the Home Office. The budget for the grant is from the dedicated violence reduction funds received from the Home Office via Hampshire's Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for 2021/22. While the funding originates from the Home Office, it is paid by the Home Office to the OPCC and Hampshire County Council receives the funding from the OPCC.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 The fund to be allocated directly to the Emergency Departments for them to lead this work. Lack of capacity and speciality of Emergency Departments to deliver this service would negatively impact the quality and timeliness in delivering the necessary outcomes (in reducing serious violence).

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Councillor Liz Fairhurst Executive Member for Adult's Services and Public Health	