



OPCC Record of Decision

The Police and Crime Commissioner awards Devon and Cornwall Police £50,000 in 2022-23 and £82,486 per annum for the next two financial years, to match fund increased intelligence capacity within the drugs desk for an additional researcher and an analyst.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Devon and Cornwall Police have secured Home Office funding to establish a drugs desk to tackle drug dealing and county lines across the peninsula.
- 1.2 Match funding from the PCC will enable the capacity of the analytical and research support of the drugs desk to be doubled.
- 1.3 The drugs desk will provide live time intelligence support to operational initiatives and intensifications, a triage process for digital forensics and critical evidential support for investigations ensuring offenders can be charged and remanded at greater speed.

2. Decision Record

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner awards Devon and Cornwall Police £50,000 in 2022-23 and £82,486 per annum for the next two financial years, to match fund increased intelligence capacity within the drugs desk for an additional researcher and an analyst.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

- 3.1 This funding was approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner in response to an independent review of the forces "Response to Drugs" and directly addresses several key recommendations from the review.
- 3.2 Devon and Cornwall Police's intelligence directorate and Policing lead for PERSUE were consulted on the proposal.
- 3.3 The funding was agreed in consultation with the Treasurer of the OPCC and the Senior Leadership Team of the OPCC through extended management team.



3.4 Devon and Cornwall Police have discussed the enhanced funding at the Crime and Vulnerability Board in October 2022, in relation to the delivery of the force's Drugs Strategy.

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice

4.1 Legal, Management, Equality and GDPR Implications – Current and Future

- a. The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that the arrangements set out in the proposal meet the requirements of the relevant legislation and the needs of the organisation.
- b. No legal advice was required prior to the PCC taking this decision.
- c. The PCC's CEO and Monitoring Officer has advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that, from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial, equality or GDPR implications arising from the proposal.
- d. EDHR obligations have been considered when taking this decision and on this occasion it is not necessary to complete an Equality Impact Assessment. The decision will not impact on human resources, equality or diversity obligations.
- e. GDPR obligations have been considered when taking this decision and on this occasion it is not necessary to complete a Data Protection Impact Assessment

4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future

4.1 The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the financial implications are set out within this decision and are both reasonable and deliverable. This will help support the organisation in its drive to be as efficient and effective as possible.

5. Supporting documents:

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Official approval

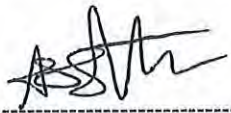

6.1 Following the appropriate approval, this decision sheet will be published, subject to FOIA classification, on the OPCC website.



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The Recommendation for Decision as outlined in this report is formally approved and subject to Freedom of Information Classification will be published on the OPCC website:

<p>Police and Crime Commissioner</p>  <p>-----</p> <p>Signed Print: ALISON HERNANDEZ Date: 22/12/22</p>	<p>Governance Signature by Chief Financial Officer</p>  <p>-----</p> <p>Signed Print: NICOLA PUGH Date: 22/12/22</p>
Equality Impact Assessment attached	N/A
Data Protection Impact Assessment attached	N/A
Decision logged in register? [Tick if completed]	
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