

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 22/12/21

**Officers present:** Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Down, Liz McDermott

**Received in OPCC Date:** 22.12.2021

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0023 /21

**Title:** Out of court disposal programme for young adults

### Summary of Issue:

Courts are experiencing significant backlogs in the aftermath of the pandemic. Delivering effective community resolutions and out of court disposals are key in managing this not just for the Criminal Justice System and Leicestershire Police but for young adults too.

The Engage Project (Engage) was established in 2014 as an arm of the local Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme. It was and continues to be the only local non-statutory service for 18-24 year olds which is specifically tailored to their distinct needs. The project comprises of a small team of key workers who support and deliver interventions to young adults as part of an out-of-court disposal and/or as they transition from the youth to adult justice system.

Engage is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner via a contribution to Integrated Offender Management. The delivery partner for Engage are the National Probation Service (NPS), prior to the reunification of Probation Services, the local Community Rehabilitation Company was the provider. NPS have agreed to continue delivery as an interim measure (until March 2022) but the service will need to re-commissioned prior to this point to secure a new provider.

A review of the Engage service and the young adult pathway was undertaken by Revolving Doors. The learning and recommendations from the review plus the need to re-commission a new service (as NPS are no longer in a position to deliver the programme) have resulted in a new service specification being developed. In order to ensure that there isn't a gap in service provision and to secure a new service there is a requirement to enter into a procurement exercise imminently.

### Recommendations presented:

To commence procurement to commission an out of court disposal programme for 18-25 year olds at a contract price of £90,000 pa.

**Key discussion points**

**OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner



**Signature:**

**Name: Kira Hughes**

**Date: 22/12/2021**

**Publication Scheme**

**Decision of Monitoring Officer:**

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner :

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) :

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire :

**Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**



**Signature:**

**Name: Elizabeth Starr**

**Date: 22/12/2021**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**Supported**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. C. Halls', written over a horizontal line.

**Signature**

**Date: 22/12/21**