

The Home Office has published an invitation to PCCs in England and Wales to apply for grant funding to support the introduction of perpetrator-focused domestic abuse programmes in their area - [Grant Funding - Perpetrator Programme 2021-22 - Contracts Finder](#). The information below is what the Home Office has provided, and it may be helpful to those who work with PCCs.

There are three areas of focus within the fund, which is summed up in the extract from the Statement of Outcomes document below:

- 1) Programmes that address known issues in relation to DA offending (~£7.1m).
  - We want to increase the geographic expansion of programmes and the target cohort through adaptation of programmes to reach wider needs.
  - These include programmes that adopt a whole-system approach which enable perpetrators to fully participate in behaviour change, including addressing factors which increase the likelihood of reducing violence, such as substance misuse and addressing mental health support needs; and those that work with perpetrators during times of known trigger events, for example a partner's pregnancy and loss of employment.
  - We also welcome bids that focus on early intervention and prevention in the community, for example education on healthy relationships.
- 2) Programmes that focus on children and adolescents (~£2m).
  - We know that many young women aged between 16-20 were victims of domestic abuse. The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) year ending March 2020 showed that women aged 16 to 19 years were significantly more likely to have been victims of domestic abuse in the last year,- however, there is little dedicated provision for support or activity to tackle those who perpetrate abuse in their adolescent relationships.
  - We are also aware of the increasing demand for programmes that work with children and adolescents who are violent or abusive towards their parents and carers so welcome bids that address child/ adolescent to parent abuse. A recent report suggested that nearly 70% of practitioners had seen an increase in referrals for families experiencing child/ adolescent to parent abuse during the COVID pandemic.[1]
  - It is a requirement that any programme that addresses this should be embedded within child safeguarding and child protection principles and practice.
- 3) Programmes aimed at stalking perpetrators (~£2m).
  - Data available for 2019/20 estimates there were 1.3m victims of stalking aged 16-59 in the last year, yet there is limited provision to tackle perpetrators. Programmes aimed at domestic abuse offenders which are not specifically focused on stalking behaviours tend not to be of value for stalking perpetrators, and can even lead to a worsening in their behaviour. We therefore are encouraging bids that are specifically aimed at stalking perpetrators. This could include bids focused on particular stalker typologies/motivation profiles.
  - Stalking Protection Orders (SPO), which came into force in January 2020, allow magistrates' courts to impose restrictions and positive requirements on perpetrators. Positive requirements could include perpetrator programmes, and such a requirement may be the best way of ensuring that the perpetrator's behaviour changes and that they do not breach the terms of the SPO. An expansion in the provision of perpetrator programmes will provide more options to magistrates' courts to include such requirements in the terms of an SPO.
  - We welcome bids that address: stalking in a domestic abuse setting (i.e. where the victim is someone they are 'personally connected[2]' to); stalking not in a domestic abuse setting; or both.

Grants will be provided to PCCs as the lead partner, but the expectation is that PCCs will deliver the intervention in collaboration with a partner organisation. The closing date for bids is 2 July, and the funding period will be from 1 August to 31 March 2022.

More information is available in the documentation in [here](#), and the competition documentation sets out the process for asking questions.

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