

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 785

Question 5:

If you hold information on the £35m allocation to Violence Reduction Units or the £1.6m allocated to “improved data collection” then please provide information on spending and forward planning for this.

Answer:

The Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner was allocated £1,160,000 to establish a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). A proposal has been submitted to the Home Office and at the time of writing the outcome of that process is awaited. This funding has been devolved to local partners who will deliver the work of the VRU with proposals requiring sign off from the local Police, Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Group for that area to ensure that plans are multi-agency. Proposals have been developed according to Home Office guidelines and to align with local work and priorities.

The PCC made funding available to each of the five Local Authority areas to account for the different levels and nature of serious violence in each area as well as broader opportunities for prevention. Recognising the transient nature of offending and victimisation the PCC will require bordering areas to work together where there is intelligence to suggest that this is required. These allocations are based on:

- Population
- Recorded Serious Violent Crime by Local Authority area (March 2018- March 2019)

Area	%	Funding
Bath and North East Somerset	10%	£114,884
Bristol	37%	£424,389
North Somerset	12%	£143,582
Somerset	31%	£362,225
South Gloucestershire	10%	£114,920
TOTAL	100%	£1,160,000