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Dyfed-Powys
Police and Crime Commissioner

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Grant funding 2023-2024

Overview

Police and Crime Commissioners have the power to award crime and disorder reduction grants as outlined in Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

These grants can be given to any person to secure or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in the police area. The grant may be subject to any conditions that the Commissioner may deem appropriate.

Grant funding must comply with conditions set out in the [Joint Corporate Governance Framework](#). This sets out the principles, structures, and processes by which the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is governed.

The [Commissioning Strategy](#), outlines the priorities and key principles of commissioning activity. This includes reference to the award of grants as one of the routes to delivery.

The process to ensure compliance includes the following:

- **Funding application form:** seeking assurance from applicants that their activities align with the Police and Crime Plan, providing confidence that appropriate business and financial governance structures are embedded to effectively manage grant funding.
- **Bid Scoring and Summary:** scoring matrix to assess applications and adherence to OPCC requirements.
- **Decision Making:** decisions to offer funding are made by the Police and Crime Commissioner with support from the Executive Team. A Decision Log is drafted, outlining the detail and ratified by the Executive Team before being published on the OPCC website.

The Commissioner has several budgets which can be used to fund activities that support the Police and Crime Plan priorities. Some of these have specified purposes as follows:

Income source	Purpose	Amount invested in 2023/24
Commissioner's Fund	This reserve was created to provide the term 3 Commissioner with a fund to support initiatives to underpin the new Police and Crime Plan.	£223,115.72
Sale of Found Property Reserve Fund	This is a reclassification of monies received from the sale of found property and is used to support local charities/ donations.	£6,995.00
Proceeds of Crime Act Fund	This reserve comes from funds which have been allocated to Dyfed-Powys because of confiscation orders arising from proceeds of crime. These reserves are then used to support operational	£92,913.94

	activities which assist in bringing criminals to justice.	
Forfeiture Reserve Fund	This is a reclassification of monies that are seized under section 27 Misuse of Drugs Act and following forfeiture at Court which will be used to fund operations targeting drug related crime and abuse	£44,790.88
Driver Retraining Scheme Reserve Fund	This reserve is being held specifically to support activities in relation to road safety initiatives. Further opportunities will be explored to ensure that these reserves are used to optimal effect for the communities of Dyfed-Powys.	£48,834.56
Drug Intervention Reserve Fund	This reserve will be used to support drug testing. This is a non-recurring reserve that will deplete during 2024/25.	£33,819.50
Total:		£450,469.60

The funding awarded has been distributed to the following areas:

Location	Regional	Pembrokeshire	Carmarthenshire	Ceredigion	Powys
Number	13	1	6	4	3
Value	£366,453.88	£500.00	£55,566.72	£17,450.00	£10,499.00
Proportion	81.3%	0.1%	12.3%	3.9%	2.3%

The regional activities benefit all Dyfed-Powys communities.

Whilst some local authority areas have not applied for nor received substantial funding directly from the Commissioner, they may have received funding from Home Office and/or Welsh Government grant funding that is administered by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Funding awards

Commissioner's Fund

Project	SCFC Premier League Kicks programme
Value	£100,000.00
Location	Forcewide

Following a successful pilot delivered by Swansea City Football Club Foundation in Seaside, Llanelli, and Pembroke Dock in during the 2020/21 season, the Commissioner agreed to provide further funding over a three-year period to support all of Dyfed-Powys.

The aim of the programme is to use football and sport in general to inspire children and bring communities together. The project also includes life skills coaching and volunteering opportunities.

The Foundation identified five areas with high rates of deprivation and socio-economic disadvantage for young people, offering weekly coaching at no cost to the participants. These were based at: Carmarthen, Llanelli, Pembroke Dock, Aberystwyth, and Newtown.

During 2023/24, the Police and Crime Commissioner brought the Knife Angel to Aberystwyth to raise awareness of knife crime and the impact it can have.

The participants of the Aberystwyth sessions were invited to be involved in the opening Ceremony and received an educational workshop on the dangers of knife crime.



Swansea City AFC Foundation volunteer Ashlee Charles was named Community Champion at the 2023 Child of Wales awards. Ashlee was a participant of Premier League Kicks within Dyfed Powys before progressing into a volunteering role.

During 2023, Ashlee took responsibility to deliver the girls only groups and single-handedly increased the number of activities available.

Ashlee's work with the Foundation enhances the lives of the participants. Parents mention how much she has brought their children out of themselves, giving them an abundance of confidence and self-esteem.

Project	Centre for African Entrepreneurship (CAE) - Pathways to Prosperity
Value	£26,446.72
Location	Carmarthenshire

Funding was provided to the Centre of African Entrepreneurship to support with establishing a base in Llanelli.

The Pathways to Prosperity project provided age-appropriate, racially, and culturally sensitive services to communities with multifaceted and complex needs and have been historically marginalised.

The project supported young people, migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers to reach their full potential and positively contribute to society. The following outcomes were realised:



“The funding provided has been pivotal in enabling our expansion within the Carmarthenshire area, with a particular focus on Llanelli—a region marked by deprivation and home to a large proportion of our target service user groups. Our primary objective by the end of the funding period was to establish a strong presence in this community, becoming a Foundation and integral organisation that supports individuals in realising their full potential. We are proud to report that we have successfully met our goals, through the creation and strengthening of partnerships with various local organisations/ stakeholders.”

- Over 6,000 online engagements through their digital platforms
- 189 individuals have accessed the service.
- 21 young people supported in accessing skills training, including security training and opportunities in green jobs.
- Following face to face engagement sessions, all attendees reported feeling more positive about interacting with the police and expressed a desire for more frequent, safe engagement opportunities.
- Employment Support Officers raised awareness about the criminal justice system across all workshops, resulting in 161 beneficiaries reporting an increased understanding of the system and how it operates.
- 16 newly granted refugees secured jobs through Pathways to Prosperity support – this included assistance in the application process and interview preparation.
- 36 participants received support aimed at enhancing their digital skills and access.

The following feedback was received:

Participant**Xiomara**

"On behalf of my family and I, we would like to thank you for your help and your time to help us and guide us in this process that we went through as refugees. It has been a great help since we felt very disoriented and you have been a great guide."

Volunteer**Tia**

"Thank you for believing in me and providing me with the opportunity. I am inspired by the work, and look forward to continuing to contribute and also learn as much as possible and develop in events planning, social and environmental justice, and advocating for the rights of everyone."

Project	Physical Empowerment
Value	£22,400.00
Location	Carmarthenshire

Physical Empowerment CIC provide self-defence, resilience and confidence building classes to victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Following a successful pilot project in 2022-23, Physical Empowerment CIC approached the PCC for further funding to continue this important work.

The funding directly supported the recruitment of additional staff to deliver within Dyfed-Powys. This allowed courses to be delivered within Llanelli leading to an increase of volunteers. The funding also supported attendees' travelling expenses to mitigate against personal financial barriers.

Monthly follow-up sessions are continuing with the women who have completed courses, and a volunteer is currently in training to become a qualified coach.

Referral pathways with other domestic abuse service providers have been established and future collaborative working arrangements are being considered.



The following feedback has been received:

"I have really enjoyed the Physical Empowerment course. The thing I have felt has been extremely helpful is being able to speak to ladies that understand me!!"

"Amazing course. I would highly recommend anyone who has been in an abusive relationship to do the course. Amazing. Thank you 😊 "

"Really enjoyed meeting other women who have had the same experiences and feeling understood."

Project	Jac Lewis Foundation
Value	£20,000.00
Location	Carmarthenshire

The Jac Lewis Foundation charity was established in 2019 to provide a counselling service for families bereaved by suicide. The Foundation has developed into an experienced service provider and is a key Stakeholder in the Welsh Government roll out of rapid response meetings across Wales.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Local Authorities are delivery partners in providing referrals to the Foundation for those that have been bereaved through suicide. The foundation provide support within 48 hours of referral to reduce the risk of harm.

Funding was provided to the Foundation by the Welsh Government during 2023/24 to deliver the rapid response referral service. Due to unexpected and unprecedented levels of referrals from sudden death events within Dyfed-Powys, this funding depleted prior to the end of the budget year.

Jac Lewis Foundation received a one-off funding contribution from the Commissioner for the remainder of 2023/24 to continue this referral service and provide much needed support to Dyfed-Powys communities.

During the funding period the foundation attended eight rapid response meetings which were held within 72 hours of the death of the individual.

30 individuals were supported by the Jac Lewis Foundation immediately after the rapid response meetings had taken place including family, friends, colleagues etc.

As a result of this funding, the following feedback was received:

"I was called like a bolt from the blue and it was like a guiding angel; it was nice to speak to someone who understood. Counselling was amazing, it really made a difference."

"I would have been in a very dark place, reluctant to go on meds, helped me deal with the overwhelming situation. Wouldn't have been able to cope without it."

"Made every difference imaginable, it has allowed me to survive, it helped all the family, it rescued all of us."

Project	Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Regional contribution
Value	£19,850.00
Location	Forcewide

The Commissioner was approached by the Regional Violence Against Women, Girls, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) board for a contribution towards the regional perpetrator programme. The Commissioner has contributed funding to the partnership since 2021/22. This investment has continued annually to date.

The joint investment ensures that the partnership achieves a consistent, accessible, and high-quality offer of perpetrator intervention that is equally accessible in all areas of Dyfed-Powys. In line with the Partnership's work to improve the commissioning arrangements around VAWDASV service provision, the Safeguarding Board approved a regional apportionment model to ensure appropriate contributions from all partners.

Key strategic partners have all contributed towards the funding of the project with the Commissioner contributing 10% of the cost.

Project	Area 43 - The Depot
Value	£9,500.00
Location	Ceredigion

The Depot is a youth led cafe which operates as a safe space by Area 43 in Ceredigion. They offer an open, inclusive service to 14–25-year-olds who are at risk of becoming both victims and perpetrators of crime.

The Depot empowers and supports young people's right to access local, high quality, evidence-informed advice, counselling, and support services to improve their life opportunities for a better future.

The Depot has recently undertaken extensive construction activity to create a larger, more effective space. Funding was requested to make the space more welcoming for users. The Commissioner awarded funding towards the furnishing and decoration of the newly renovated space.

Visitor logs have shown increased attendance since the introduction of the added resources, increasing from a monthly average of 691 visits per month to 795.



This funding allowed the Depot to purchase equipment to deliver dance/ yoga and circuit sessions.

The activity space has a pool table, ping pong table and dartboard.

Young people only had access to a pool table at local pubs - this resource means The Depot are diverting young people from this environment.

Young people were keen to be involved in the development of this space and spent time learning to build the furniture as well as using the resources and activity space.

Feedback from Depot visitors:



"Depot is a great place to meet up, we played darts today as a group."

Gwen

"When life gives you, lemons come to Depot to make lemonade, ps. Love the new equipment."

Elliot

"I came looking for chargers and found out the pool table/ping pong stuff was here and stayed."

Ethan

Testimonials from regular attendees:

"the healthy workshops mean we get to try out yoga and dance and training for free, and see if we enjoy it"

"knowing pool and ping pong is here, is something to look forward to, ill come in more often, I specifically came in when I saw the on Instagram"

Project	IOM Housing Project
Value	£7,000.00
Location	Ceredigion

During 2020/21, the Commissioner funded a project delivering a temporary accommodation for Integrated Offender Management clients whilst alternative more suitable and long-term accommodation solutions are found. This enables clients with opportunities for rehabilitation and positive pathways.

The project has reported successful outcomes to the Local Criminal Justice Board.

Strict governance arrangements between Dyfed-Powys Police, Local Authorities, Ministry of Justice (Probation) and Housing Providers ensures selection processes are fair and reasonable with appropriate monitoring of clients' behaviour effectively managed via partnership boards.

The Ceredigion project received further funding of £7,000.00 to continue this activity.

The success of the project in Ceredigion has led to interest across other Welsh force areas and a roll out across Dyfed-Powys is planned.



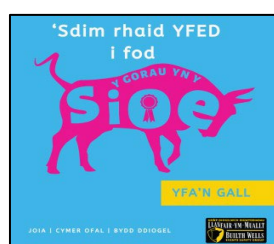
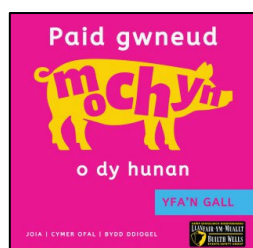
The Integrated Offender Management Team at Dyfed-Powys Police were joint winners of the Offending and Justice category at the inaugural Welsh Safer Communities Awards for their excellent work in delivering this project.

Project	Builth Wells Event Safety Group (Royal Welsh)
Value	£5,000.00
Location	Powys

Builth Wells Events Safety Group launched the "Have Fun, Take Care, Stay Safe" safety campaign for the 2023 Royal Welsh Show. The campaign enhanced and improved the activity undertaken in 2022, and focussed on encouraging appropriate behaviours, responsible drinking, substance misuse, and looking after friends.

The Builth Wells Event Safety Group tackles drivers of harm, including violence, substance misuse and anti-social behaviours.

Funding was provided for the production costs of materials which were displayed in public spaces and a social media campaign targeted at young people.



The Have Fun, Take Care, Stay Safe campaign was well received, with the post event survey identifying that 68% of respondents knew about the campaign, and 62.5% of people stating that it had an impact on their behaviour.

Project	Rekindle
Value	£4,999.00
Location	Powys

Rekindle started in 1997 by people who had family members with mental health issues. Since 2014, Rekindle has focused on the 16-25 age group, where many experience challenges transitioning from childhood to adulthood.

Some of their clients have been, or are at risk of being, exploited or involved in county lines gangs. Others have been victims of domestic abuse or sexual violence, have been involved in criminal activities, have a history of Adverse Childhood Experiences, use drugs and alcohol, or have violent tendencies.

The Commissioner provided funding to help support for Rekindle's One-to-One Recovery Support project. The purpose is to provide mental health support using a recovery-model based on early intervention, including housing, relationships, work, training, and finance. The practitioners advocated on behalf of clients to employers and education providers to adjust as appropriate. This has been well received, particularly by neuro-diverse clients.

Case Study: Alisha (not her real name) a young woman of 23 was referred to Rekindle by Primary Mental Health team. She is one of the new cohort of clients and came to Rekindle in May 2023. Alisha presented with difficulties navigating the world after returning to live in Newtown. She struggled with her mental and physical health and disclosed that she had misused drugs and alcohol to try and level out. She self-harmed regularly and struggles with personal care as acts of self-harm were taking place in the shower. She was unemployed and was consumed by the burden of mounting debt. Alisha's initial goals was to find long term employment, access support and be understood. She wanted an accurate diagnosis of her problems and to improve her self-understanding and awareness. Effectively homeless on arrival she was given support to access local authority housing, however she was placed in unsuitable accommodation where her vulnerability was rapidly exploited by other tenants, to her great distress. A referral to POBL (specialist housing support organisation) was made and the council referred Alisha to The Money saviour, a debt counselling service. Alisha now lives in a secure independent rented property. She is working towards a diagnosis of her mental health problems and has started to create a plan to resolve her debt problems permanently. Alisha has a job and is working late two nights a week in order to be able to come to Rekindle during the day for continuing support. She feels more confident, heard and understood and continues to regularly attend sessions with Rekindle.

"I wouldn't be where I am now without Rekindle. A friend of mine was in need of help and I told them to come straight here, as you actually help. I would be very lost without your help."

"As someone who visits Rekindle weekly, I can hands down say it's been the best support I have ever had. From sorting out help for money, housing, appointments, helping source food when I had none, and supporting me with my mental health and everything in between. I couldn't advise a better place to go to than Rekindle, and I cannot thank them enough".

"Since being supported by Rekindle my mental health has really improved, I know how to and am able to deal with stress better and how to hang out with my Dad. I know the little voices may be there but I can ignore them. I can't choose one thing which has helped me the most because all of it has, there are no time limits and my feelings are validated."

Project	Stallion Boxing
Value	£4,700.00
Location	Carmarthenshire

Stallion Boxing offered 'Box Clever' - an early intervention and prevention programme. Stallion Boxing recognises the vulnerability of disadvantaged young people and developed a programme to help improve positive life chances/choices.

The Commissioner provided funding to support the delivery of this programme.

The project supported the 11-16 age demographic that are already known within the criminal justice system or are at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity.

The project enabled students to understand about living a life underpinned by strong moral principles and values and to understand the benefits of exercise/healthy eating to improve health and wellbeing.

The programme focussed on young people that are not fully engaging or find it difficult to engage in education; supporting young people that are vulnerable and/or at risk of falling outside of the education system and employment and therefore at risk of being exploited or involved in criminal activity.

The project delivered a 6-week programme for a total of 4 cohorts (24 sessions). Each cohort consisted of 10 individuals who undertook one session per week, for 10 weeks.

Project	Asset Trackers
Value	£2,520.00
Location	Carmarthenshire

Funding was awarded to Dolen Teifi for asset trackers to be purchased for a fleet of Electric Vehicles (EV) cycles that will be made available for young adults who commit low level offences in Llanelli. This enabled Dolen Teifi to safely operate a small fleet of EV bikes within Llanelli.

Each user is notified that the cycles are fitted with GPS trackers and can access the software to monitor their journeys.



The asset trackers monitor the locations of the EV cycles in the event of non-return and/or appropriate usage of the cycle.

The GPS trackers have recorded 739 individual trips covering 2,956 miles. No thefts nor emergency alerts have been recorded.

Project	Cardigan Station Open Day
Value	£700.00
Location	Ceredigion

The Commissioner offered a donation to support the provision of refreshments at the Cardigan Police Station Open Day. This is the first public Open Day held at Cardigan Police Station since it opened in 2010.

Cardigan Police Officers and staff shared the positive activity undertaken to keep the residents of Ceredigion safe. The event also highlighted specialist teams: the Marine Unit, Police Support Unit, Drones Team, and Armed Response Unit.

The event promoted Police Officer recruitment including Special Constables, Police Staff and Volunteers.

The event was well attended and provided a positive opportunity for the local communities to interact with the police, improving public confidence.

Driver Retraining Scheme Fund

Project	Fitness to Drive
Value	£2,263.50
Location	Forcewide

During 2020, the Commissioner was approached by the Force and The Wales Mobility and Driving Assessment Service (WMDAS) to request financial support for their Fitness to Drive courses.

The police refer driving offenders to WMDAS for assessments. The Commissioner contributing funding to support with travelling costs to allow Assessors to conduct assessment within Dyfed-Powys' rural communities.

A contribution of £11,370.50 was approved during 2022/23. The final invoice was received in Summer 2023 and captured within the 2023/24 budget year.

Project	BRAKE – Independent Road Victim Advocate
Value	£45,446.06
Location	Forcewide

The Commissioner approved funding for a 12-month pilot of a dedicated Independent Road Victim Advocate (IRVA). This role provides practical and emotional support to assist families in navigating the aftermath of fatal Dyfed-Powys Road incidents.

The funding enabled service provider Brake, to employ a dedicated Advocate IRVA, working with families bereaved by road fatalities.

This care provision is not a helpline – it is case-managed care for as long as required to safe exit. Care is provided by assigning a qualified caseworker to a family, helping with immediate practicalities including finances and funeral arrangements through to supporting children with specialist counselling.

Client feedback evidence that support is beneficial and provides comfort to clients:

“Thank you for being my caseworker - you listen and respond well. It's amazing to have you supporting me.”

“I feel it a privilege to talk to you as my caseworker. I find it comforting to talk to you.”

“Nice to have you to talk to as I don't want to burden the family”

"I very much appreciate the support you give to me as my caseworker. It helps me to talk to you as it allows me to summarise my feelings as this puts things into perspective for me."

Jami Blythe, Development Manager at Brake, said:

"Thanks to funding from Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, Brake can extend the operation of the National Road Victim Service into this local area.

The funding will help road crash victims in Dyfed-Powys cope with the shock, turmoil, and devastation that road crashes cause to families.

The Independent Road Victim Advocate will work with local families to provide the vital support they need. We are incredibly grateful to be part of the Commissioner's commitment to supporting the needs of road crash victims."

Project	GoSafe Christmas Campaign
Value	£1,125.00
Location	Forcewide

GoSafe – Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership received funding to support with their Christmas Drink and Drug driving Campaign. The cost was shared equally between the four Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners' Offices and the GoSafe partnership.

Drink and Drug driving is one of the five main causes of road casualties. This campaign raised awareness of the dangers associated with driving under the influence.

The campaign was delivered through a mixture of bus advertisement, digital van advertisement, a featured online article, and social media messaging.

As North Wales and Dyfed-Powys Police areas had the least coverage with the bus routes, they were prioritised for the digital van adverts.



Collision data identified areas with highest risk of drink and/or drugs. Routes were planned for Welshpool to Fishguard, stopping at New Quay and Cardigan. Another route started at Welshpool, stopping in Newtown, Crossgates, Knighton, and Builth Wells. This delivered the message to 227 miles of Dyfed-Powys roads.

Drug Intervention Programme Reserves Fund

Project	Drug testing at the Roadside kits
Value	£33,819.50
Location	Forcewide

The Roads Policing Department have seen an increase in drug drive offences since 2019 because of proactive 'stop and check' measures.

The initial detection is at the roadside using a drug wipe. If a positive reading is identified, drivers would require a toxicology blood sample within a custody unit.

The Commissioner agreed to contribute towards the cost of Drug Drive Test kits.

This funding is derived from a reserve budget that is not being replenished. This funding arrangement will cease in 2024/25 when the budget will be fully spent. Dyfed-Powys Police will fund the drug testing kits from 2024/25.

Temporary Superintendent Shaun Bowen stated that:

"Drug wipe kits are a vital tool in the fight against drug driving. They enable officers to quickly and accurately identify the presence of illegal substances at the roadside, providing immediate results that support swift enforcement actions.

By equipping our officers with this technology, we enhance their ability to detect impaired drivers, improve road safety, and strengthen our commitment to keeping communities safe.

These kits not only increase efficiency in frontline policing but also serve as a visible deterrent to those considering driving whilst under the influence of drugs."

Proceeds of Crime Act Fund

Project	Financial Investigator (100% commitment)
Value	£45,883.86
Location	Forcewide

Project	Fraud Triage Officer (50% commitment)
Value	£23,514.85
Location	Forcewide

Project	Safeguarding Officer (50% commitment)
Value	£23,515.23
Location	Forcewide

The Commissioner has previously contributed towards the salary costs of a Financial Investigator, Safeguarding Officer and Fraud Triage Officer, all within Dyfed-Powys Police's Economic Crime Team. This funding is proving successful, allowing enhanced focus on economic crime victims, providing specialist advice and support.

Fraud Reporting

A total number of 3,328 reports were made to Action Fraud from Dyfed-Powys area during 2023-24.

1,663 were provided with advice, guidance, and support by the Fraud Triage Officer, who reported to Action Fraud on the victim's behalf. 1,665 were reported directly to Action Fraud.

The total financial losses suffered by all fraud victims was £20,086,465.

Operation Signature

Operation signature identifies and supports vulnerable victims of fraud, providing an enhanced service to protect and safeguard them from repeat victimisation.

This table shows the number of victims referred into Operation Signature. The disparity between 2020-21 and 2023-24 is due to both the long-term effectiveness of the initiative, together with the earlier period being during the covid pandemic when more people being isolated home and more easily targetable for online/phone fraud.

	2020 - 21	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
Total referrals	407	376	281	285

The Fraud Safeguarding Officer had face to face engagement with 163 Op Signature victims. The total money stolen from these victims was £3,305,898.

Engagement with financial institutions by the Fraud Safeguarding Officer on behalf of victims under The Operation Signature initiative assisted in the recovery of £727,700.

The Banking Protocol

The Banking Protocol is a national scheme between the police and financial sector. It identifies bank customers who are in the process of being victimised, and to refer them into Operation Signature.

Dyfed-Powys Police responded to 94 Banking Protocol incidents. As a result, the Fraud Safeguarding Officer and Dyfed-Powys Police were able to prevent the loss of £424,986.

Romance Fraud

Romance fraud presents the highest levels of threat harm and risk to victims due to the tactics used by offenders to socially engineer and prey upon a victim's emotions and vulnerabilities to steal money over a sustained period.

Dyfed-Powys Police received 77 reports of romance fraud throughout the year, of which 59 were referred into Op Signature. The economic loss to those victims who entered Op Signature totalled £623,000.

Forfeiture Fund

Project	Technical Support Unit (TSU) Equipment
Value	£44,790.88
Location	Forcewide

The Commissioner provided funding to support the purchase of equipment used in the detection of drugs.

Dyfed-Powys Police uses technology to support officers with their investigations. This equipment will underpin the force's capability to addressing a key force priority: Make our area hostile to those that deal drugs.

This equipment will support the prosecution of drug dealers and associated Organised Crime Groups. The equipment is in active use and is routinely deployed to identify and secure evidence of illegal drug operations.

The data captured by this equipment is securely logged for evidential purposes to allow robust presentation during criminal proceedings at court.

Sale of Found Property

The following organisations received a charitable donation from the Commissioner as a recognition of their important activities within Dyfed-Powys throughout 2023/24.

Organisation	Value
Mid and West Wales Fire Service - Paws on Patrol	£3,745.00
Llanelli Multicultural Network	£1,000.00
Newtown Kindness Event	£500.00
Police Unity Tour	£500.00
Poppit Sands Lifesaving Club	£500.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£500.00
Dyfed-Powys Police - Operation Tinsel	£250.00

External funding received.

During 2023/24, the Police and Crime Commissioner received two grant funding contracts from the Home Office (Safer Streets and Serious Violence Duty) and another grant from the Welsh Government (CARA).

These funds are designed to support victims and/or prevent harm in the communities of Dyfed-Powys.

Safer Streets 5

The Dyfed-Powys Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner secured funding of nearly £800,000 from the Home Office's Safer Streets 5 Fund. This fund commenced on 1st October 2023 and will end on 31st March 2025.

The initiatives address Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), acquisitive crime (AC) and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Collaborators include Local Authorities and specialist sector partners including domestic abuse organisations.

During 2023/ 24, the following activities were delivered and concluded:

The Women's Centre delivered by The Nelson Trust

The funding has supported the building development of a dedicated gender-specific space to support the needs of vulnerable women within Dyfed-Powys.

The Women's Centre is a haven for women and girls who have been affected by VAWG and ASB crime. Outreach Officers at the Women's Centre will deliver preventative programmes and products that provide holistic, practical, and emotional support to some of the most disadvantaged, marginalised, and stigmatised women in our communities.

CCTV Aberystwyth delivered by Dyfed-Powys Police

The funding has supported the installation of CCTV, identifying ASB incidences around South Road, Marine Terrace, Castle grounds, Bridge Street and Chalybete Street in, Aberystwyth.

Positive engagement and collaboration with the Local Authority and Trunk Road Agency facilitated installation of the CCTV cameras at the end of March 2024.

The following projects delivered activity during 2023/24 and are continuing into 2024/25:

My Safe Place delivered by Carmarthenshire County Council

This project ensures domestic abuse victims and survivor's rights to remain safely in their homes are protected. This will be achieved through the provision of practical solutions aimed at improving home safety measures, including adaptations, technology, and equipment. The service was delivered by specialists trained to Level 4 Certificate in Crime Prevention for Practitioners.

During 2023/24, 22 people received a home safety check which resulted in a standard security fit package and additional features for their individual property. Advice was provided on safe techniques to apply within the home.

Connected Communities delivered by Pembrokeshire County Council

This activity delivers two strands of community support and engagement.

Waste amnesty - This involves a series of waste amnesties across housing estates in Pembrokeshire, leading to tactical, visible environmental improvements and a reduction in fly tipping and environmental crime.

Community Engagement - Community engagement events held at Pembrokeshire housing estates increase visibility and the feelings of safety. This event including a wide range of partners engaging with residents, offering support, advice, and referral routes as appropriate.

During 2023/24 almost 500 homes have been supported. More than 45 tonnes residual waste and 55 tonnes of recycling waste removed.

Bystander Plus delivered by West Wales Domestic Abuse Service; Threshold Domestic Abuse Service; Carmarthen Domestic Abuse Service and Montgomery Family Crisis Centre

As specialist Dyfed-Powys Domestic Abuse (DA) organisations, this collaborative group have developed a co-ordinated approach to preventative activity.

The Bystander programme collaborates with participants to increase confidence to make a positive difference in their communities. This empowers participants to actively challenge inappropriate behaviour in a safe and constructive manner.

The programme received significant interest from professionals and businesses, engaging with over 300 people who have either received training and/or promoted the initiative within their communities.

Over 50 training and awareness raising events have been delivered with 21 champions recruited. Collaboration with White Ribbon has also contributed to greater awareness in the project.

Violence against Women Girls (VAWG) Education and Prevention Programme delivered by Dyfed-Powys Police

The programme has been designed by Dyfed-Powys Police as a whole system approach to tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and is supported by multiple community partners.

There are 5 separate strands to this programme as follows:

Walk Safe / Stay Safe App

The Walk Safe / Stay Safe App improves feelings of safety, in particular women in public spaces and the Night-Time Economy (NTE). The app supports identifying/ avoiding crime hotspots and assists safe routes home.

Training, Support, and Intervention within Further and Higher Education

Training/workshops to further/ higher education establishments and NTE where students are vulnerable to VAWG.

Collaboration with local Colleges/ Universities to strengthen existing links and continue focus on improving VAWG awareness and supporting students.

VAWG Man Ally / Man Culture

The Man training programme is aimed at managers from large employers across Dyfed-Powys.

The Man Ally programme involves workshops promoting positive masculinity, disrupts negative expectations and stereotypes, encouraging men to be upstanders and allies to women and girls.

Crimestoppers

Dyfed-Powys has a significant rural population that can often be difficult to reach, Crimestoppers will assist and advise all intervention leads on how to best connect with these communities to ensure fair representation for all residents.

Performance in Education - Step in/ Speak up.

Performance in Education delivers drama workshops within schools to tackle/ prevent VAWG offences and influence positive attitudes/ behaviours in young people.

28 schools received workshops in 2023/24. A total of 45 shows and 21 workshops were delivered, reaching a total of approximately 6000+ pupils. The training has been well received from both pupils and educators.

An evaluation was conducted with a sample of the students attending the performances.

- 78% completely understood the meaning of sexual violence against women & girls, compared to 41% pre-event.
- 60% felt completely confident that they would report an incident of sexual violence if they were a witness, compared to 45% pre-event.
- 83% felt either completely or mostly confident that they would be able to safely intervene if they witnessed an incident of sexual violence, compared to 50% pre-event.

An evaluation was conducted with the adults attending the performances.

- 100% of adults found the presentation useful.
- 122 out of the 137 surveys responses thought the presentation would help them discuss violence against women & girls with their students.
- 125 thought the presentation would help them discuss how to safely intervene.
- 118 thought the presentation would help them discuss the responsibility everyone has to report and challenge violence.
- 99% thought the presentation encouraged their students to consider the effects and consequences of sexual violence.
- 100% thought the presentation was pitched at the right level for their students.
- 100% of teachers would recommend this activity to other schools and colleges.

Attendee feedback:

"Absolutely. It empowers young people to take action in a safe way. It also highlights that it happens on their doorstep and how to deal/react to situations like this."

– Teacher, Ysgol Bro Dinefwr

"It has been very informative and useful for pupils to see the effect of being a bystander. Would 100% recommend to other schools."

– Teacher, Milford Haven School

"The speakers/performers were excellent. Having a demonstration/'mock incident' worked well and the delivery of the workshop was clear and informative. Thank you!"

– Teacher, Redhill High

Queen Elizabeth High (Year 9)

"Very informative and engaging."

"Such a great way of portraying such a tough subject."

"Absolutely! Informing them early is key to changing some of their attitudes."

Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron (Year 9-13 WELSH)

"Dod a'r broblem yn fyw i'r disgyblion."

Ysgol Bro Teifi (Year 9-10)

"Ardderchog."

Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth (Year 9 and Year 12)

"Perfformiad arbennig - Actorion gwyb. Negeseuon glir ac effeithiol. Diolch o galon."

"Wedi mwynhau - Diolch."

Ysgol Harri Tudur (Year 10-11)

"Brilliant presentation. All students need to know about this. Team were fab and patient."

Serious Violence Duty

The Serious Violence Duty places a duty on specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence. The Duty commenced on 31st January 2023.

The Home Office provided grant funding to deliver the Duty and to support serious violence reduction strategies. Grant funding was awarded from 31st January 2023 to 31st March 2025.

During 2023/24, the funding supported analytical resource costs to create a strategic needs assessment (SNA) for serious violence in Dyfed-Powys.

Dyfed-Powys agreed to adopt the World Health Organisation definition of violence:

"Violence is the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person or against a community that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation."

Delivery

Partners met at a workshop in January 2024 to discuss the SNA and develop an action plan. The following themes were identified.




The SNA identified:

- Violent crime has been rising for several years.
- Transient summer populations affect the rates, skewing the figures to show Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion as having highest rates. The challenge of a non-resident population will be addressed as part of the strategy.
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence are most prevalent amongst the serious violence crimes.
- High proportion of victims are under 25.
- Significant level of perpetrators of sexual crimes are under 25.

- Victims are predominantly female, often repeat victims and highly likely to withdraw from the criminal justice system.
- Majority of perpetrators are male.
- High prevalence of online violence and abuse

Action to Prevent & Reduce Serious Violence in Dyfed Powys

Taking into account the Strategic Needs Assessment, the local partnership has agreed the following strategic objectives for the next 12 months to prevent and reduce serious violence.




Focusing on the **online threat**, supporting children and young people, parents, and teachers to increase knowledge and resilience. In particular, support to focus on supporting parents with education and awareness raising



Focusing on a more **preventative response** specifically reducing risk of Adverse Childhood Experiences, substance abuse and mental health





Focusing on **VAWDASV** particularly working to improve community education, reporting of VAWDASV, and partnership data sharing. Partners wished to focus on delivering key initiatives such as MATAAC and IRIS, as well as supporting communications around VAWDASV



focusing on **night-time economy**, particularly gaining further insight into alcohol-related serious violence locally, embedding existing projects and education initiatives. Partners wanted to commission further analysis of this area to ensure any further work is evidence-led

Activities that were delivered via Serious Violence Duty funding during 2023/24:

<p>All Wales Schools Liaison</p>  <p>programme</p>	<p>All Wales School Liaison programme adapted their curriculum materials to include preventative and educational messaging on Serious Violence. This has been delivered to approximately 33,000 young people.</p>
<p>INTACT promotional materials and delivery equipment</p> 	<p>Equipment to support INTACT youth intervention programme and ensure maximum reach for young people at risk of Serious Violence.</p> <p>Anti-spiking kits for delivery to young people at risk within the Nighttime Economy.</p>

**DA Survivor Panel
Advisory Board**

The Regional VAWDASV Partnership has established a Survivor Advisory panel for Mid and West Wales.

The panel brings together survivors and survivor voices, with statutory and provider agencies to inform policy and practice.

Support provided to shape how policy and procedures are developed and progressed.

**Local DA Services - core
activity**

Funding to supplement the core activity of established services supporting victims of Domestic Abuse.

The activity supported includes an integrated and holistic service, addressing the needs of DA survivors and their children from the point of crisis through recovery and onto independent lives.

Longarm licences





Licences purchased for Investigation Teams to undertake holistic and information rich investigation into online activity linked to Serious Violence behaviours.

This allows identification of all risks/ inappropriate behaviours, providing opportunities for safeguarding actions whilst minimising investigation delays.

**MATAC preparatory
activity**

Funding to introduce MATAC activity. MATAC refers to the Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination process of identifying and tackling serial perpetrators of domestic abuse perpetrators.

The MATAC objectives include safeguarding adults/children at risk and reduce perpetrator offending.

<p>Dyfed-Powys Police Stalking Co-ordinator</p> 	<p>Resource cost of the Dyfed-Powys Police Stalking Co-ordinator.</p> <p>The Stalking Co-ordinator supports in the identification and risk assessment of stalking incidents.</p> <p>They ensure cases are compliant with national guidance.</p> <p>The Co-ordinator monitors investigations by reviewing risk assessments and identifying additional control measures through civil orders and the application of Stalking and Protections Orders (SPOs).</p>
<p>Crest Advisory workshop.</p> 	<p>Funding to support the workshop facilitated by Crest Advisory in January 2024.</p> <p>This supported the partnership in translating the SNA into a meaningful action plan.</p>
<p>DPP Analyst resource</p> 	<p>Resource cost for an Analyst to develop and deliver the Strategic Needs Assessment and associated strategies on behalf of the partnership.</p>
<p>DPP SVOC Co-ordinator</p> 	<p>Resource cost for a Co-ordinator to promote the SV Duty across Serious Violence and Organised Crime activity.</p>

Next steps

Carmarthenshire County Council have employed a Serious Violence Coordinator who will lead the partnership in managing the strategies/interventions to be delivered/funded.

CARA funding

Funding of £5,117.17 awarded from the Welsh Government in relation to the Cautioning and Relationship Abuse (CARA) intervention for Domestic Abuse Perpetrators subject to a conditional caution.

The funding supported resource costs to underpin demand analysis and evaluation to use the Out of Court Disposal (OCCD) in respect of Domestic Abuse (DA) cases.

CARA sits within the criminal justice system as an early intervention targeting domestic abuse offenders meeting specific criteria to be issued with a Conditional Caution. Under the new two-tier policing framework CARA will be used for offenders receiving a Diversionary Caution.

- CARA is a Domestic Abuse awareness raising intervention consisting of two workshops held 4 weeks apart.
- CARA supports offenders to make better behaviour choices in their relationships.
- CARA is not a perpetrator programme, cognitive behavioural therapy, anger management or a support group.
- CARA promotes safety of offender's family through a linked victim contact service offering safeguarding and support.

Meetings have been held with national organisations leading on this activity to seek support on how to set up the project and obtain clear guidelines regarding preconditions for referrals.

Officers have received training from established force areas already delivering this activity.

The next steps will include developing a robust business plan specific to Dyfed-Powys police, this will be reported during 2024/25.