



# **Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV)**

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# Home Office allocation – VRU

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- Cleveland has been allocated a budget of £3.5million over three years:
  - **2022/23** - £1,414,226
  - **2023/24** - £1,058,313
  - **2024/25** - £1,047,170

# Home Office allocation – enforcement

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- In addition to the VRU funding, the Home Office have allocated an £1.4m funding for **police enforcement**:
  - **2022/23** - £470,405
  - **2023/24** - £470,405
  - **2024/25** - £470,405

# DEFINITION OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE

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- Homicide, attempted murder and manslaughter
  - Assault with intent to cause serious harm
  - Malicious wounding- wounding or inflicting GBH
  - Arson with intent to endanger life
  - Aggravated burglary
  - Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving
  - Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking
  - Kidnap
  - Now includes Domestic Abuse (DA) and sexual harm offences
  - Knife crime and/or firearms enabled/threatened offences based on the following categories (in addition to those already listed above)-
    - Robbery (business and personal)
    - Threats to kill
    - Assault with injury
    - Assault with injury on a Constable
- Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury

# Home Office allocation – application guidance

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The VRU application guidance stipulates that a minimum of 20% of intervention funding should be to deliver Youth Endowment fund high impact interventions

£550,000 forecast for intervention spend

Minimum of £110,000 for high impact YEF agreed interventions

# Home Office allocation – application guidance

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VRUs are required to conduct local evaluation, spending not less than 10% of the amount allocated by the VRU to intervention spend in its original delivery plan on this endeavour.

£550,000 forecast for intervention spend

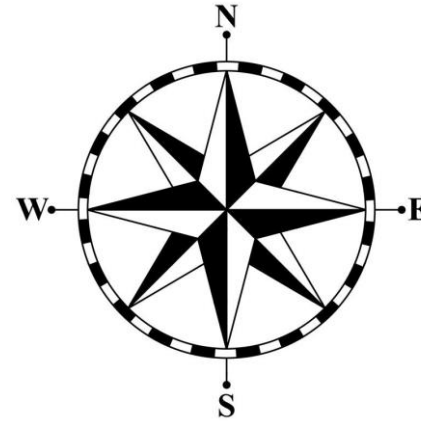
Minimum spend on evaluation in first year £55,000

# What are our gaps locally?

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## A&E Navigators

Specialists in A&E departments to identify victims and their families – and provide support where required.



## Sport

Using sporting activity as a diversionary tool and encouraging people to participate positively.

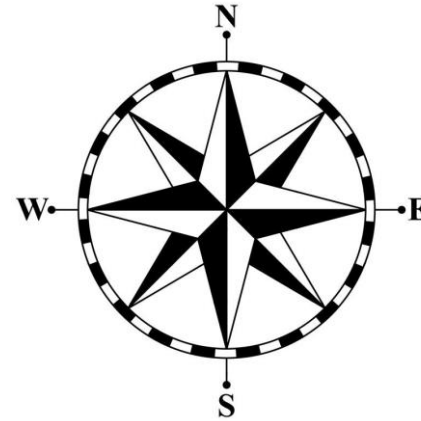


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## ACES/Trauma informed training

For frontline and all staff



## CUSTODY NAVIGATORS

- Extension of A & E navigators YP and adults

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## Lived experience

Hearing from those with lived experience (often of a similar age to the participant) to explain the realities of being involved in violent crime.



## Focused deterrence

Using non-enforcement options when working with young people to prevent criminalisation. **BUT** when appropriate move to enforcement action and prosecution to demonstrate consequence.



# Prevention of Summer increase in SV

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**Section in both vru  
and grip funding  
applications**



Discussions with HO have indicated that this will be a key focus driven by policing minister, who has also indicated he has a keen interest in Cleveland and will wish to visit

Proposal to create a SV funding opportunity up to £200,000 to address the prevention of increase in SV

# TIMELINES

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Submit application COMPLETED 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Finalised application to be by 6<sup>th</sup> June

Commission SNA partner

Commission evaluation partner

Appoint a Head of VRU/ analyst

Create summer SV opportunity

# What next?

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Core  
membership  
VRU Board

AGREE INITIAL  
COMMISSIONS

Year 1:  
Foundation  
Year

# Questions?

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