

## PCC Decision Form

Title of Request	Name of Proposer (e.g. Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Date of Request
<b>Laptops for children and young people at risk of serious violence</b>	<b>Head of the Violence Reduction Unit</b>	<b>10/02/21</b>

Private / Exemption - Yes / No If Yes Reason Why (eg Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, Freedom of Information Act 2000)	Urgent (if Yes, Why and by When?)
No	<b>Yes - asap</b>

Decision Requested		
<p>The Police and Crime Commissioner (“The Commissioner”) is recommended to approve the costs outlined below, which utilises underspend from the VRU grant and already has written Home Office Approval. The spend will be for each local authority to purchase laptop equipment for children and young people at risk of serious violence.</p>		
Executive Summary of Request	Supporting Report attached?	No
<p>There is a minimum of £14,002 per local authority in South Yorkshire to spend of laptops and/or dongles (the amount available may increase due to reductions in other spending lines).</p> <p>There is a need in each area of South Yorkshire for computer equipment to enable children and young people to take part in school and extracurricular activities online.</p> <p>In Barnsley alone, there is a need for 1299 devices.</p> <p>This funding will not be able to fill the whole need across South Yorkshire, but will contribute and be spent where it is most needed, by working with early help teams and children’s services.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The aim of the funding is to enable children to engage in school activities and extra-curricular activities currently being held on line. There is no limit to amount per household, if there is more than one child in a household needing kit, this can be</li> </ul>		

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provided.

- The equipment will be for children and young people at risk of serious violence (which the Violence Area Profile demonstrates is all young people who are not currently able to engage in learning). Equipment will go to young people most in need, ideally through early help or children’s services where they have pre-existing knowledge of young people and requirements.
- The equipment can include laptops and/or dongles, with sufficient consideration being given to the use of the EE referral service.
- The equipment purchased will be of sufficient specification that it can be used effectively and is fit for purpose, while balancing with value for money – this means that tablets are not appropriate in meeting the aims, as they do not enable children and young people to engage in school activities effectively.
- Consideration will be given to protecting the laptops and ensuring they cannot be used to access inappropriate material.
- The equipment will be received by 31st March 2021.

Local authorities will be informed of funding due to urgency and grant agreements will follow, with reporting requirements.

**Approval by proposer (SLG lead / OPCC SMG lead) and confirmation request is ready for PCC consideration**

There is sufficient income within the budget in the VRU to cover the recommended grants.

Submitted for approval by the Head of the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit.

<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Rachel Staniforth</b>	<b>Date:</b>	10/02/21
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Considerations	Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted	How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposal?
<b>Public and / or Partners</b>	Input from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Approval to offer the funding by the Home Office Scoping of need through early help teams in each area – all areas certain of need.	It has directly informed the proposal.
<b>Impact on Service</b>	Children and young people will be able to take part in school activities	
<b>Financial</b>	Forms part of the VRU budget	
<b>Legal</b>	Grant terms and conditions are approved by the PCC’s Chief Executive and Solicitor	
<b>HR</b>	n/a	

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T/Unions / Staff Assoc.	n/a	
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)	The funding will go through early help teams or children's services who will be able to ensure that the equipment goes to those most in need	
Risks / Opportunities	There is urgency to this as the kit has to be delivered before the end of March 21 – so must be ordered now.	
Sustainability	The laptops can be used into the future by the recipients.	
Other (specify)	n/a	

## Views of PCC's Chief Finance &amp; Commissioning Officer

I support this. I have already outlined to the Head of the VRU the need to stipulate that they are only for legitimate use, and that the organisation giving the equipment out is responsible for the actions of the person using it, not the PCC, along with maintenance/ upgrade costs.

The Home Office has given its approval to fund these, despite them being capital.

Signature:



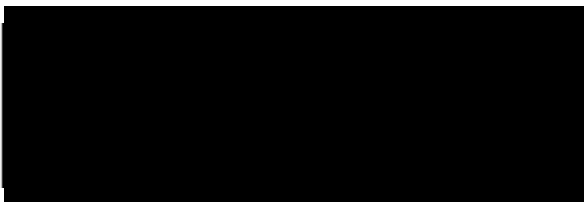
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## Views of PCC's Chief Executive &amp; Solicitor

Recommend PCC approval.

Signature:



Date:

26.02.21

## PCC's Decision and Rationale

Happy to approve bearing in mind the comments of the CFO.

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<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	26.02.21
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**OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)**

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