

ANGUS COUNCIL

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK (CJSW) - ALLOCATION OF GRANT FOR 2019-20

ABSTRACT

This report provides information to members with regard to the grant allocation for CJSW for the delivery and commissioning of CJSW services for the financial year 2019-20.

This grant funding is ring-fenced and is provided under sections 27A and 27B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended.

1. BACKGROUND

CJSW grant funding is ring-fenced and is provided under sections 27A and 27B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended. The funding is provided to allow councils to discharge their statutory duties and to work towards preventing and reducing further offending in line with the Community Justice Outcome and Improvement Plans (CJOIPs) as a statutory partner. Accountability for the obligations that the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 places on the various community justice statutory partners will remain with their respective organisations.

2. DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

Changes in the distribution methodology, from 2017-18 onwards, resulted in movement of CJSW funding across local authorities, however the overall quantum of core funding remained the same. The changes in funding are being phased in over a five-year period. This means that the maximum loss to any one local authority, in respect of core funding, should be no more than 5% in year one, rising 5% per year up to a maximum of 25%. This approach will also see any increases in funding being phased-in for local authorities which are due to gain, as funds are released.

This phased approach will be subject to future Spending Reviews and the budget available for CJSW services and any potential changes in CJSW workloads and Social and Economic Cost of Crime statistics used to inform the funding distribution.

The total funding allocation for CJSW is made up of the Local Government Central Allocation and funding from the Offender Services budget for the financial year 2019-20.

The grant is made up of two separate elements, one which is flexible, and the other relates to targeted funding for specific areas of work.

3. STATUTORY FUNCTIONS COVERED BY GRANT FUNDING

The statutory responsibilities covered by the grant funding include the preparation of reports for the court and for the Parole Board, diversion services, bail advice and supervision, community supervision (Community Payback Orders, including supervision and/or unpaid work, Drug Treatment and Testing Orders, and Structured Deferred Sentence), supervision following release from custody (parole licence, non-parole licence, supervised release orders, extended sentence, short-term sex offender licences, orders of life long restriction, life licence), and voluntary assistance to offenders released from short-term prison sentences.

4. GRANT FUNDING 2019-20

The total CJSW grant funding for 2019-20 is £1,780,442.

This is made up of £1,626,689 from Flexible Grant, and £153,752 from Non-discretionary grant.

The non-discretionary grant includes funding for Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (£21,742), Community Sentencing (£103,722) and Women's Services (£28,288).

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