

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number **DR51/2025**

Title: Safeguarding Children Partnership Funding 2025/26 – 2028/29

Executive Summary

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Decision of the PCC

Approve four-year funding arrangements.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval

Signature



Date 16/09/2025

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2. Recommendation

To provide funding to the four Safeguarding Children Partnerships based on the business cases they have developed, in line with the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan and available budget.

3. Background

Safeguarding Children Partnerships are a statutory function under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 (previously 2018).

The statutory partners are:

- The Local Authorities
- Police
- Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)

The statutory partners have responsibility for the implementation of the partnerships.

The PCC committed in the 2024 – 2029 Police and Crime Plan to longer term funding of the partnerships. Funding will cover a four year period. Submitted business case ensure alignment with the Police and Crime Plan. In addition, the funding supports longer-term planning and improves accountability.

Funding to the four partnerships is calculated using a formula that is based area, population and episodes of need per head of population.

The funding breakdown made available to the partnerships over the four years will be allocated as follows:

	Children Safeguarding Partnership Support Fund			
	Hull	East Riding	North East Lincs	North Lincs
2025/26	£42,244	£29,186	£32,442	£21,924
2026/27	£43,089	£29,752	£33,091	£22,363
2027/28	£43,950	£30,347	£33,753	£22,810
2028/29	£44,829	£30,954	£34,428	£23,266
TOTAL	£174,112	£120,239	£133,714	£90,363

4. Options

Option 1: Discontinue funding to Safeguarding Children Partnerships

Funding Safeguarding Children Partnerships is not a statutory requirement for the PCC however, without funding there would be limited ability for the partnership to remain active and contribute effectively to the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

This option is not recommended, because the partnerships are reliant on this funding for co-ordinating their work, delivering some of their activities, and meeting the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

Option 2: Move funding over to Humberside Police to distribute

As a statutory partner the funding could be given direct to Humberside Police who could decide and distribute the funding amounts to the safeguarding partnerships.

Consultation took place with the Assistant Chief Constable and agreement reached that the funding should come direct from the OPCC. This will ensure that the partnerships can continue to be held to account.

Option 3: Confirm four year funding arrangements (recommended)

It is recommended that this option is approved as the best way to ensure that the partnership can remain active and contribute to the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan. To assist the partnerships, monitoring returns should be changed from quarterly to six monthly.

Returns should be based on information the partnership already submits to national boards. It is recommended that this option is approved as the best way to ensure that the partnership can remain active and contribute to the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

5. Financial Implications

The funding outlined above is contained within the budget and planned for future years. Confirmation of available budget was sought from the Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

6. Legal Implications

The funding for the partnership will be provided via a grant offer setting out the terms of the funding. The grant agreement has been rewritten to make it clearer and improve accountability. The agreement text was previously checked by the Head of Legal Services.

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

Section three of the 2024 – 2029 Police and Crime Plan, Effective Organisations aims to have effective partnerships and collaboration by providing funding and support to tackle local issues, prevent harm and share good practice.

8. Equalities Implications

No equalities implications have been identified of the OPCC. The funding will be provided to Local Authorities as nominated leads on behalf of Safeguarding Children Partnerships, along with statutory partners are subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Safeguarding Children Partnerships were required to consider equalities implications as part of their business case submission.

9. Consultation

The arrangements have been consulted on with Safeguarding Children Partnerships and have their support. Relevant OPCC staff, including the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Finance Officer alongside the Assistant Chief Constable have also been consulted.

10. Media information

The funding commitment will be subject of a joint media release.

11. Background documents

Business case submissions, grant agreement and costing tools are available if required.

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

The need for a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been considered with the Data Protection Officer and is not required.