

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

Decision Record Number **DR55/2025**

Title **Purchase of Pol-Ed School Education Resources**

Executive Summary:

The OPCC is purchasing Pol-Ed an educational web platform on behalf of all schools and other youth organisations in Humberside.

Pol-Ed has been developed by West Yorkshire Police and is designed to provide a comprehensive suite of educational resources tailored to all key stages, enabling schools to access high-quality materials. These include structured lesson plans deliverable by school staff, youth leaders and others working with CYP, police officers and PCSOs, as well as bespoke content suitable for targeted interventions with children engaged in the Youth Justice System. The platform will be made available to all educational establishments across Humberside, as well as to key partners, including our four local authorities and Humberside Police.

Decision of the PCC

Approved.

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 15/10/2025

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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Date: 20/08/2025

1. Executive Summary

This Decision Record seeks to secure funding from the OPCC to acquire Pol-Ed from West Yorkshire Police. It is intended that this is funded from proceeds from the Drug Confiscation Fund.

The cost of Pol-Ed for the Humberside Force area cost is £30,000 per annum (price is held over an initial 3-year period). Included in this charge is direct access to the platform by every school in the police authority area. In common with other Force areas, we will be working with Pol-Ed

The OPCC will work with local authority partners, Humberside Police, our Safer Schools, Education and Violence Prevention partnerships and other organisations working children and young people to roll out the resources as widely as possible across Humberside.

2. Recommendation

That the PCC agrees to securing Pol-Ed initially for one year for the sum of £30,000 to trial roll out of Pol-Ed across Humberside, with an option to continue for a further two years (at a cost of £30,000) based on success of pilot.

3. Background

The Humberside PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2024-29 outlines a commitment to *Reduced harm to young people being affected by crime and community safety issues*.

In 2024, the OPCC issued an Invitation to Tender for crime education resource development and delivery support. Eski were appointed as the successful provider via this process. Eski have worked closely with OPCC and Safer Schools colleagues to create a suite of educational resources across a range of crime and community safety topics for use by schools, Safer Schools officers and other organisations working with young people.

These resources are available at www.notinourcommunity.org

Towards the end of 2023, OPCC and police colleagues from Humberside met with colleagues from West Yorkshire Police who have developed the Pol-Ed product. At that time, it was felt that there were limitations to the product that meant it was not suitable for requirements in Humberside.

Following a second meeting in May 2025, the Pol-Ed team provided a demonstration of the updated product. Many of the limitations and suggestions from Humber OPCC colleagues from the initial meeting had been addressed resulting in an impressive product that would work well with the existing educational offer in the area.

Pol-Ed supports schools in delivering expertly planned lessons designed to develop a deep awareness of risks, citizenship and the law.

The purpose of the programme is to meet the Policing Priorities, DFE Curriculum Framework and Ofsted Lines of Enquiry in order to keep our children safe and prepare them for their future role in society.

Pol-Ed is comprised of three phases; Pol-Ed for Schools, Police Inputs (including Local Authority and Youth Inputs) and Intervention 22.

The Schools phase includes educational resources starting at Early Years through to Post 16. Police Inputs includes resources for delivery by police officers and Intervention 22 is resources for those on a deferred prosecution.

The local authority platform provides the ability to preview Pol-Ed school resources, reports where they can view school usage by their LA area and individual schools. In addition to this, Pol-Ed Youth Inputs will be available for use by community groups and care settings.

4. Options

Do Nothing – The OPCC has commissioned Eski to provide an increased range of resources through Not in Our Community. These resources are free to use for schools and youth organisation across Humberside. Promotion of these resources would continue to raise awareness and usage across schools and organisations. Whilst we have created some excellent local resources through NIOC, the product is not comparable in scale and resource capacity to the continued efforts of West Yorkshire Police who have dedicated a sizable resource input to the creation, development and constant improvement of Pol-Ed. Our limited local budget and short contract term provides the risk that we cannot develop resources at the pace and breadth of those being created by Pol-Ed. Pol-Ed is being increasingly adopted by another 13 Force areas around the country including Bedfordshire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, and Suffolk with Greater

Manchester launching the product in June. It is being referenced in the latest HIMCFRS Peel Reports as 'Promising Practice' around Preventing and deterring crime and antisocial behaviour and reducing vulnerability. A research report on Pol-Ed by Huddersfield University will be available in July 2025.

Acquire Pol-ed – Through roll out of Pol-ed, we would have the capability to provide a universal offer to every school and student across Humberside. We can also track delivery of the number of schools using the resource and the number of young people engaged. The resource is constantly updated and available across all school ages. Planned development of primary resources from Eski could be pivoted to include the development of other complementary resources to avoid duplication. This could include localised video content, serialised social media campaigns and work to engage and provide resources for parents.

5. Financial Implications

Based on Force area, Pol-Ed costs Humberside £30,000 per annum. This provides includes access for every school and youth organisation in Humberside. This also includes access for each of our four Local Authorities to access the LA platform. Additionally, it includes access for all Force colleagues e.g. Safer Schools officers, PCSOs, NPTs etc. It is intended that these monies are made available from the Drugs Confiscation Fund.

Procurement route - it is proposed that Pol-Ed is acquired via a Single Tender Action. The rationale for this is based on the following condition being met; *due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.*

Pol-Ed is the only service available nationally that covers a full suite of educational resources for children from Early Years to Post 16. The cost of acquiring the package on behalf of all young people across Humberside makes the cost per head value for money.

6. Legal Implications

Pol-Ed have provided a precedent contract for advice. The template refers to an agreement between the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police and another Force area. We have stipulated that for Humberside, the agreement will be made between WY CC and the PCC/OPCC. This document was provided to our Legal Services team for review. Whilst they raised some initial concerns regarding the indemnity clauses in the contract, they agreed that the

risk relating to these would be minimal, and were content to proceed with the contact, with the OPCC being the named contractual part in the document.

We will draw up a Memorandum of Understanding to cover obligations and a model for delivery between the OPCC and Humberside Police.

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

Securing Pol-Ed will enable us to move closer and more rapidly to our objectives:

Universal offer of free access to resources for young people that reduce their risk of being affected by crime and community safety issues
Support educational establishments and youth organisations to contribute to young people's safety

8. Equalities Implications

Pol-Ed will be made available to every school and pupil within Humberside. Additionally it will be available to those attending youth organisations and on and Outcome 22. Provision is also being explored for making the product available to those who are ELE (Elective Home Education). In this respect, the offer is universal to all young people in Humberside.

9. Consultation

We have made contact with our local authority education colleagues to secure buy-in for the rollout of Pol-Ed, and will continue to work via our various partnerships to widen the knowledge and uptake of the resources as widely as possible.

10. Media information

The Pol-Ed product includes a suite of marketing materials and an onus on Force/OPCC/LA colleagues to promote the resources to local schools and youth organisations. We will create a campaign with the OPCC, VPP and Force comms colleagues to promote the launch of Pol-Ed in Humberside. The localised Pol-Ed website will include links to NIOC and other universal education resources. The Education Partnership is planning to host a webinar every term to focus on key themes and topics for each school term. Pol-Ed and other resources will be regularly highlighted through this webinar and the accompanying EP newsletter.

11. Background documents

<https://www.pol-ed.co.uk/>

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

Humberside Police data plays a crucial role in developing a localised understanding of where educational interventions are most needed and in assessing the impact of those interventions through ongoing monitoring. We are liaising with our DPO to establish the appropriate data sharing permissions and DPIA.