

Safer Walsall Partnership Community Safety Funding 2013/14

Please note that to give a completely accurate picture the table also reflects the under spend from 12/13 that was also allocated by the SWP Operations Board for spend during the 13/14 period.

Total funding allocated for 2013/14 - **£402,203.00**

Total 12/13 re allocated under spend - **£25,207**

Total allocation - **£427,410**

Allocations to specific programmes were agreed by the SWP Operations Board.

	Programme/Initiative	Allocation 13/14	Re-allocated 12/13 under spend & Positive futures 13/14	Total Revised 13/14 Allocation	Actual Spend 13/14	Carry Forward into 14/15
1	DIP Drug Testing Grant	193,428	0	193,428	193,428	0
2	Youth Crime Prevention Activities	61,426	0	61,426	61,426	0
3	Positive Futures	27,760	-27,760	0	0	0
4	Partnership Analyst	35,000	0	35,000	30,992	4,008
5	Domestic Abuse	50,000	10,967	60,967	47,513	13,454
6	Security Improvement Officer	25,000	5,000	30,000	28,750	1,250
7	GPS Monitoring		18,000	18,000	0	18,000
8	Cross Border Injunction		3,000	3,000	0	3,000
9	Target Hardening Equipment		5,000	5,000	4,502	498
10	Support DHR Process (Contingency)	9,589	8,000	17,589	18,394	-805
11	Business Crime Initiative		3,000	3,000	0	3,000
TOTAL ALLOCATION INCLUDING 12/13 UNDERSPEND		402,203	25,207	427,410	385,005	42,405

Summary of Activity in 2013/14

- 1) DIP Drug Testing Grant:** Funding is used to support Walsall's Drug and Alcohol Interventions Programme which has been recognised regionally and nationally for its good practice and is viewed across the partnership as an essential part of our crime reduction/offender management programmes. Funding allocated specifically supports a court mandated Alcohol Treatment Requirement Worker, Court Liaison Worker, DIP Single Point of Contact, Offender Management Worker, Arrest Referral Workers (x2), Probation liaison Worker and a Team Leader. Walsall has very mature relationships across all agencies resulting in high numbers of referrals and positive outcomes. During 2013/14 the services received 956 referrals of whom 79% (n= 755) were engaged in treatment and support services, 18% (n= 172) of whom received custodial sentences as a result of their original or subsequent offences, 42% (n= 401) remain engaged in treatment and 30% (n= 287) have successfully completed.
- 2) Youth Crime Prevention Activities:** Funding allocated to Youth Offending Service (YOS) and has been used to support activity around youth crime prevention. Further information on activity will be provided by YOS for submission to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 3) Positive Futures:** Reallocated (with the 12/13 under spend) by the SWP Board in December 2013 to fund a range of projects/interventions after engagement with NACRO to discuss/look at Positive Futures allocation proved to be unsuccessful.
- 4) Partnership Analyst:** The post is situated within Walsall's multi agency WIN (Walsall Intelligence Network) and supports the delivery of monthly tasking documents (which drive much partnership activity) and other analytical products. These include importantly a comprehensive cross partnership Strategic Assessment on which the Community Safety Plan and the priorities it contains are based.
- 5) Domestic Abuse:** Funding was used to support Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA)(x2) who take referrals from the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) and work with high risk domestic abuse victims. In 2013/14 the DART contacted 1842 victims a significant number of which (approx 800) were supported by the IDVA's. This is an important part of Walsall's cross partnership response to this high priority issue. In addition it funds the Modus software licence for the Walsall Domestic Violence Forum.
- 6) Security Improvement Officer:** This officer implemented a range of Situational Interventions (gates, fences, pedestrian and vehicle bollards etc.) that target hardened a specific location against crime and ASB and often protected the most vulnerable members of our communities. The funding paid for the officer to work 25 hours a week to undertake this activity which was very popular with both the community and Elected Members. The officer held a very small working budget and successfully attracted funding from Area Partnerships and other partner agencies to undertake the identified activities. Demand for the interventions and the complexity of some of the work undertaken (around consultation etc) meant that an increase in hours was required in order to deliver projects identified. The additional £5000 allocation allowed for this to take place.
- 7) GPS Monitoring:** This enables GPS Tracking devices to be placed on offenders (by consent) as part of a community order or licence and is intended to improve the way in which we manage our most prolific offenders and as such have a direct impact upon acquisitive crime. These are being trialled across a number of Local Authorities and have been shown to reduce re offending rates. Commissioning of the tracker units has been

undertaken by probation and unfortunately could not be completed until early in this financial year (14/15), as such this funding was rolled over and is now spent.

- 8) Cross Border Injunction:** Funding is to be used to cover legal and other costs associated with Black Country Wide Injunction to prevent Car Cruising and the anti-social behaviour associated with it. Extensive evidence collated to support the injunction has been submitted to Chambers for consideration/advice and for the appointment of a Barrister to support the process. Legal Council report that a region wide injunction has merit and is considered to be groundbreaking. Four neighbouring authorities are jointly funding the intervention which due to its complexity could not be completed in 2013/14. Funding has been rolled over into 2014/15.

- 9) Target Hardening Equipment:** Funding was used to purchase a range of target hardening/community safety items to be issues by Victim Support Officer and Community Safety Officers to vulnerable victims of crime/ASB. Items purchased included, spike strips, anti climb paint, driveway monitors and window alarms.

- 10) Funding to Support DHR process:** Funding used to support our statutory obligation to undertake DHR's when certain criteria have been met. To date Walsall has had a significant number of these and funding has been used to support the review and overview report writing process. Walsall has completed 3 DHR's and at this time will potentially will be undertaking a further four. The number undertaken and work involved led to a further allocation from the 12/13 under spend which still however resulted in a minor over spend at the end of the year.

- 11) Business Crime Initiative:** Funding will be used in conjunction with additional money from the Office of the PCC to support a Retail Crime Initiative in Walsall Town Centre. Options in relation to this are currently being explored and include detail consideration of adopting the "Facewatch" system. This funding will support this initiative in relation to communication costs associated with leaflets, posters, and other identified means of engagement.

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