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## Request

What is the Police and Crime Commissioner currently doing to combat knife crime?

Please supply details of current initiatives.

What has been spent (£) on these initiatives?

Please supply figures for the past five years (calendar or financial) -- from 2018 to the present.

If possible, please supply this information in spreadsheet format (excel).

## Response

I can confirm that information is held for the current financial year only.

The police and crime commissioner is the lead convener of the Home Office's Serious Violence Prevention Duty. The North Wales Serious Violence Prevention Programme team have recently conducted a mapping exercise which shows there are currently twelve known knife crime initiatives in North Wales.

The police and crime commissioner is keen to ensure that knife crime initiatives are evidence based and there is no duplication of service.

This year the police and crime commissioner has commissioned the services of a Crimestoppers Fearless youth worker to support young people in our region to have the confidence to report crime to Crimestoppers. The youth worker will also deliver interventions on knife crime, county lines and the Bystander Approach. The Fearless worker will complement the work on knife crime delivered by the Schoolbeat police officers, Youth Justice Services, the North Wales Police Prevention Hub and the Serious Violence Prevention Programme team.

The cost of this service is £42,777.48 per annum.

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The Serious Violence Prevention Programme have commissioned the services of the Street Doctors project. This pilot project is funded by a Home Office grant via the police and crime commissioner.

The project will deliver 10 group workshops for young people aged 11-18 in Flintshire where they will learn:

- The lifelong medical consequences of violence, including busting myths about 'safe' places to be stabbed.
- The most common emotional and mental health reactions to experiencing violence.
- How to approach the scene of an attack and safely work with emergency services.
- How to provide emergency first aid to someone who has been stabbed, or is unconscious, to keep them alive until emergency services arrive.
- To share their learning with others using a simple, memorable 'algorithm' with step-by-step instructions printed on a card.

The training is run by young healthcare volunteers and trained youth workers who deliver 60-minute interactive training to groups of up to 30 young people at a time. The healthcare volunteers are medical students living and studying in the region who are trained as part of a community violence reduction programme.

The cost of this service is £3,760

This information has been provided in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is correct as at 25.10.2023

