



## PROJECT INVESTMENT 2022-23

**Work stream 1:** People and communities are safe from the harm caused by paramilitarism (this primarily addresses harm in the here and now). **Investment: £6.1m**

**Work stream 2:** People and communities are more resilient to paramilitary influence and involvement in paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime (this is primarily about reducing risk, increasing protective factors and *early interventions to break the cycle of harm*). **Investment: c£5.4m**

**Projects Supporting Work Stream 1: 'People and communities are safe from the harm caused by paramilitarism.'**

Project Description	Investment Allocation
<b>Belfast City Council Support Project for People Under Threat</b> <i>Secondary Intervention</i>  This project is developing, supporting and implementing multiagency arrangements in West and North Belfast to address issues relating to victims of paramilitary gangs and those under threat. This work will aim to align the work of various agencies, including community partners, to help those under threat.	<b>£95,000</b>
<b>Mid &amp; East Antrim Youth Support Hub</b> <i>Secondary Intervention</i>  This project involves the creation of a multi-agency youth stream of the Mid and East Antrim Support Hub to support young people (up to 25 years) who are at risk of being involved with, influenced by, or exploited by paramilitary gangs.  The project has a role in achieving a range of benefits, including, potentially, a reduction in threat to life warnings; improvement in relations	<b>£147,814</b>

<p>between PSNI and communities; victims receiving effective help and an improvement in individual protective factors.</p>	
<p><b>Committal Reform Programme</b>  <b>Tertiary Intervention</b></p> <p>Designed to enable a transformational change to the criminal justice system by removing cross-examination of injured parties from the process in the Magistrates' Court and speed up the justice system by directly transferring specified cases to the Crown Court at an early stage. This project supports the delivery of those change</p>	<p><b>£120,000</b></p>
<p><b>Paramilitary Crime Task Force</b>  <b>Secondary Intervention</b></p> <p>The PCTF is a Law Enforcement Task Force consisting of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), The National Crime Agency (NCA) and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).</p> <p>This collaboration allows each Agency to share resources, capacity and capability with the singular aim of frustrating, disrupting and dismantling paramilitary organised crime gangs through a robust law enforcement response, thereby contributing to making people and communities safer from the harm caused by paramilitarism.</p>	<p><b>£5,661,000</b></p>
<p><b>Support for Victims</b>  <b>Secondary Intervention</b></p> <p>This project supports victims of paramilitary activity and harm. It involves the identification of, and outreach to, victims. The bulk of the project involves providing support to individuals on a range of issues, most pressing trauma or counselling support, but also with issues such as drug misuse, debt, self-esteem, training and employment, access to benefits, housing, and family relations. This can require mentoring and/or signposting to other services.</p> <p>The project also aims to build capacity among service providers to work with victims.</p>	<p><b>£100,000</b></p>

**Projects Supporting Work Steam 2: People and communities are more resilient to paramilitary influence and involvement in paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime**

Project Description	Investment Allocation
<p><b>WRAP</b>  <b>Primary Intervention</b></p> <p>This is a wrap-around, flexible education service to children and young people facing significant challenges in four geographical areas.</p> <p>This initiative focusses on educational under attainment and, in particular, the impact which socio-economic deprivation has on children and young people's outcomes.</p> <p>Influencing community attitudes to education and raising aspirations is key to reducing educational underachievement which, in turn, helps to address the prevalence and impact of paramilitary activity and organised crime.</p>	<p><b>£567,000</b></p>
<p><b>Developing Women in the Community</b>  <b>Primary Intervention</b></p> <p>This project is providing women with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to become influencers and to take on roles such as leadership and decision making in their communities.</p> <p>It targets women of all ages and is delivered within the community in areas where paramilitary influence is prevalent. The project also provides the opportunity for participants to volunteer within their community and to develop and deliver a small programme.</p> <p>Provision of family support is a key element of the project.</p> <p>The focus is on empowering women with the confidence to become involved in transformational community development and to help support communities to move away from paramilitary activities.</p>	<p><b>£375,000</b></p>
<p><b>Fresh Start Through Sport and Community Pilot Projects</b>  <b>Tertiary Intervention</b></p> <p>These projects promote lawfulness and active citizenship to individuals, and build capacity and relations within communities.</p> <p>Fresh Start Through Sport uses engagement through sport for those on the edges of the youth justice system who are vulnerable to paramilitary</p>	<p><b>£566,000</b></p>

<p>harm and influence. The Conflict Resolution projects work with hard to reach/at risk young people, their parents/carers and those in the community to address issues like anti-social behaviour to develop community ownership and capacity building.</p>	
<p><b>Enhancing the Learning and Wellbeing Outcomes of People in Separation</b>  <b>Tertiary Intervention</b></p> <p>This project delivers a curriculum of learning and training opportunities to support better outcomes for prisoners in separation. It also supports their wellbeing, through the use of art, music and cultural activities; the promotion of positive family ties; and sports and skills development.</p> <p>The project contributes to reducing recidivism, increasing ex-prisoner reintegration and improving the availability and visibility of exit routes from paramilitarism.</p>	<p><b>£130,000</b></p>
<p><b>EA Youth Service Projects</b>  <b>Secondary Intervention</b></p> <p>These projects provide a range of Youth Work support in partnership with the community and voluntary sector. They cover a wide range of activity working directly with young people within communities who have been harmed by paramilitary gangs and/or those who are most at risk of becoming involved in paramilitary activity.</p> <p>This work delivered a particularly important service in a COVID-19 context when other protective factors ordinarily provided for young people were not as readily available.</p>	<p><b>£1,963,560</b></p>
<p><b>Aspire</b>  <b>Tertiary Intervention</b></p> <p>Aspire is an important project targeting marginalised men who are most susceptible to paramilitary / criminal influence and, therefore, most at risk of becoming involved in paramilitary or criminal activity, to help them develop alternate coping mechanisms and increase their resilience.</p> <p>It provides a dedicated Probation Team for men under Probation supervision who meet agreed criteria; a mentoring programme for men leaving prison and for those in the first 16 weeks of community sentence; and, for men who are not in the criminal justice system, a range of community based interventions, including restorative justice approaches.</p>	<p><b>£1,547,915</b></p>

<p><b>Engage</b> Tertiary Intervention</p> <p>The Engage project provides a dedicated resource to support women who have offended, helping them to make the transition back into local communities.</p> <p>Working with women, both in custody and in the community, Engage builds resilience and equips women with the skills and learning to withstand paramilitary influence when they exit the criminal justice system.</p>	<p><b>£92,000</b></p>
<p><b>Community Safety</b> Primary Intervention</p> <p>This initiative supports local interventions that enhance problem-solving around issues impacting on the community, and that promote engagement with, and visibility of, policing. Phase 2 aims to further develop strong relationships and collaboration with Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs), community-based organisations and statutory partners.</p> <p>This initiative is designed to complement the activities of the PCTF, as the PSNI recognises that, in order to deliver safer communities, a security and criminal justice approach alone will not suffice.</p>	<p><b>£145,000</b></p>
<p><b>Communities in Transition (CIT) - NDNA Funded</b></p>	
<p>Primary Intervention</p> <p>Longer term ring-fenced funding, of £10 million until 2024 , is being provided to community-based activity supported by the Communities in Transition project. This project sustains the efforts to build capacity and support in communities which are most impacted by paramilitary activity and coercive control.</p> <p>This work is led by The Executive Office and is currently being delivered in eight areas: Derry/Londonderry; Carrickfergus/Larne; North Down, Lurgan/Craigavon; North Belfast; East Belfast; Shankill; and West Belfast.</p> <p>Work to date has focused on seven key emerging themes: Community Safety and Policing; Addressing the needs of young people; Health and Wellbeing; Environment and Culture; Community Development Issues; Restorative Justice and Restorative Practice; and Personal Transition.</p>	<p><b>£3,638,605</b></p>

