



**The Executive
Programme on
Paramilitarism &
Organised Crime**

Programme Investment

2025/26 Financial Year



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Project title	Lead delivery partner	Investment 2025/26
<p>Paramilitary Crime Task Force – Law enforcement suppression.</p> <p>A multi-agency law enforcement project comprising the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), the National Crime Agency (NCA), and His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Each agency shares resources, capacity, and capability with the aim of frustrating, disrupting, and dismantling paramilitary organised crime gangs through a robust law enforcement response.</p>	Police Service of Northern Ireland	£5,500,000
<p>Communities In Transition – Increasing community resilience.</p> <p>This project works to increase resilience in areas where there is a history of paramilitary activity, criminality and coercive control. Initiatives include those to provide people with the opportunities, skills, and confidence to improve their local areas, building on what is already working. Going forward, CIT aims to focus its activity on four key themes: exploitation (child criminal, sexual, monetary); youth (lack of aspiration, vulnerability to recruitment); mental health and addictions; and the impact of paramilitarism on physical landscape.</p>	The Executive Office	£2,900,000
<p>Youth Work – Targeted violence reduction.</p> <p>Investment is provided to deliver a range of Youth Work support in targeted geographical areas and settings, delivered through multiple projects. Initiatives include Area Youth Workers based in identified local communities; Youth Workers based in the Emergency Departments of hospitals and custody suites and schools work with vulnerable young people during reachable moments. In addition, the youth service will co-facilitate with the PSNI to deliver the Mentors in Safety and Early Intervention Programme in school and community settings.</p>	Dept of Education/ Education Authority	£1,773,805
<p>ASPIRE – Support for boys and young men at risk.</p> <p>This project supports marginalised boys and young men who are most at risk of becoming involved in paramilitary or criminal activity. It aims to help them develop alternative coping mechanisms and increase their resilience. Service users are provided with practical support and engaged in purposeful activity.</p>	Probation Board for Northern Ireland	£1,596,700
<p>Wrap – Community-based support for education.</p> <p>This is a wrap-around, flexible education service for children and young people facing significant challenges in four geographical areas. The project has a coordination/collaboration role which helps to deliver specific programmes and activities with children, young people and their families, including community capacity building activity. It also works to ensure effective signposting to other services.</p>	Department of Education	£602,550
<p>Fresh Start in The Community – Increasing community resilience.</p> <p>This comprises four distinct bespoke projects - each designed to address a specific unmet need, building capacity and relations within communities that have been identified as having significant need. Initiatives include community capacity building activity to address issues such as anti-social behaviour; a community-based education and active citizenship project aimed at young adults; a multi-sports initiative that uses engagement through sport to divert and support those on the edges of the youth justice system; and an education and training project that aims to improve community resilience to negative influences and criminality.</p>	Department for Communities	£484,575



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<p>Developing Women in the Community.</p> <p>This project provides women with the skills, knowledge and confidence to become influencers, and to take on roles such as leadership and decision making in their communities. The project includes personal, community, family and mental health elements, delivered through a trauma-informed approach. It also provides opportunities for volunteering and the delivery of a social action project, tailored to the needs of the local community, using the skills the women have developed.</p>	Department for Communities	£403,750
<p>Trauma Informed NI.</p> <p>This project helps the Safeguarding Board for NI to further embed a trauma-informed approach in NI through the lens of a public health approach, focusing on public sector training, systems change, early intervention and prevention, harm reduction, and on the strengthening of an NI society.</p>	Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland	£327,716
<p>PSNI – Improving community safety.</p> <p>Through effective engagement and problem solving with communities, this project aims to reduce violence and intimidation in communities affected by paramilitary activity; and increase public confidence in the police and their statutory and community partners. The project encourages effective engagement and problem solving with communities in an agile way, seeking to promote social cohesion, and to safeguard individuals from coercive control and other significant harms associated with paramilitary activity.</p>	Police Service of Northern Ireland	£205,875
<p>Violence And Harm Reduction Project.</p> <p>This project will scope the operationalisation of a public health approach to violence and harm reduction (VHR) with a view to enabling a sustainable, long-term basis for addressing multiple types of violence and harm (including paramilitarism) in NI.</p>	EPPOC	£195,000
<p>INSYNC - Support for victims of paramilitary violence.</p> <p>This project provides support on a range of issues to victims of paramilitary violence so that they can begin the process of recovery, feel better connected to friends and family, and the risk of further harm to themselves and their communities can be reduced. It also aims to build capacity among service providers to work with victims. The project takes a twin track approach to achieving this, providing mentoring support alongside trauma counselling.</p>	NIACRO	£137,000
<p>ENGAGE – Support for women in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>This project works with women, both in custody and in the community, to build their resilience and equip them with the skills and learning to withstand paramilitary influence when they exit the criminal justice system. The initiative offers 1:1 support to women through psychosocial interventions, aimed at reducing re-offending. Interventions include addressing substance misuse; trauma; health (physical and mental); emotional well-being; housing and employment.</p>	Probation Board for Northern Ireland	£92,000



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<p>Community Initiative to Reduce Violence – Focussed deterrence.</p> <p>Through collaborative partnerships with community organisations and statutory partners, this initiative aims to create targeted support systems to help individuals desist from reoffending by helping them safely move away from gang involvement and group violence.</p>	EPPOC	£80,000
<p>Drug Related Intimidation Project.</p> <p>This initiative aims to create a training and capacity building model that will develop an increased understanding of Drug-Related Intimidation (DRI) and improve the capacity of front-line workers and relevant organisations to respond effectively to this issue.</p>	Department of Health/ Public Health Agency	£80,000
<p>Threats To Life Project.</p> <p>This initiative will help to progress the learning and recommendations from the 2023 Threat to Life evaluation which noted that current issues around community trust in policing and ongoing paramilitary intimidation in communities have had an impact on the reporting of threats, and on the ability of victims to access essential services.</p>	EPPOC	£60,000
PROJECTS TOTAL		£14,438,971
<p>Enabling framework.</p> <p>Communications, Programme Management and Governance, partnerships and alignment, research and the promotion of best practice beyond the Programme.</p>	EPPOC	£1,561,029
PROGRAMME TOTAL FOR 2025/26		£16,000,000

