

**1. How much of the £100m Serious Violence Funding was allocated to your police force? [I believe, in the original announcement by the Home Office - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/police-granted-funding-boost-for-action-on-serious-violence> - West Midlands Police was allocated £7,620,000**

Yes we confirm amount of £7.620m

**2. but please confirm or correct this amount.]**

Confirmed

**3. How much of the funding that your force was allocated has been spent to date? Please indicate financial amount. Please give an approximate figure if a precise figure is not possible.**

£550,000 spent to date (as at 30/07)

**4. What has the funding, that has been spent to date, been spent on? Please indicate by category and any detail available, such as operations, intelligence, additional deployment, etc.**

- Officer resourcing uplift using overtime across all NPUs
- To enhance our Night Time Economy
- A centralised team to plan, co-ordinate and manage activity across multiple geographies and teams
- Overtime within FCID
- Dedicated Guardian Responding Vehicles to respond to reports of Serious Violence and weapons enabled offences
- Establishment of dedicated project team
- Comms, Engagement and Marketing
- Knife wands

**5. What will the remaining funding be spent on (presumably over the next 10 months or so)? If no decisions have been made/are in progress please indicate.**

- The recruitment of 75 additional civilian resources to release officers for front line activity
- Dedicated taskforce of officers to respond to serious violence affecting young people
- Funding for dedicated capacity within a multi-agency hub that will deal with the issues of vulnerability involving young people which lead them in to serious violence and knife crime

- Pilot extending the use of Out of Court Disposals to weapons offences for 16 – 24 year olds in Birmingham
- Seasonal Periods – funding made available to support with activity at times where police staffing is traditionally lowest, but offending remains constant or elevated
- Guardian Responders – further increase in the capacity for dedicated Guardian Responding Vehicles to respond to reports of Serious Violence and weapons enabled offences/ Robbery
- Recruitment of additional resources within some functions to support the significant additional demand
- Additional vehicles, laptops, mobile devices, knife arches and other equipment and technology
- Community Mediation - promoting a shift away from the 'law enforcement' response towards community-led mediation and conflict interventions and approaches
- Guardian Opportunity Fund - money for young people to use on activities and projects that are of benefit to them and their local community
- Comms, Engagement and Marketing

**6. If you hold information on the £35m allocation to Violence Reduction Units or the £1.6m allocated to "improved data collection" then please provide information on spending and forward planning for this.**

Bid value is £3.37m, spend to date £425k, the balance will be spent on Staff costs, Violence Prevention Health projects, Specialist Mentoring, Intensive Support, Specialist Multi Agency Support

**7. I would be very grateful of any contextual information or additional information you deem useful/relevant.**

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