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FOI Response

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Freedom of Information Request	
FOI Reference: FOI-OPCC-23-048	
Date of Request: 25/10/2023	Date of Response: 17/11/2023
Information Requested:	
Questions: 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.	
OPCC Response: The Police and Crime Plan includes key themes on putting communities first, crime prevention and robust enforcement. All of these are relevant to serious violence, including knife crime. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) chairs the Countywide High Harms Board which oversees partnership work to tackle serious issues such	

as drugs, serious violence, violence against women & girls, and serious & organised crime.

The Serious Violence Duty, launched in January 2023, is a new legal requirement for authorities including the police, justice partners, the fire service, the local authority and health, to reduce incidents of violence, like knife and gun crime, and prevent loss of life. The PCC is the local convener for the Duty and is responsible for monitoring progress and holding partners to account for their compliance and delivery.

A list of serious violence duty funding awards that have been made in 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 can be found on our website at the following link:

[Community safety \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/community-safety)

These are shown by financial year and include the provider, what the funding was for and how much has been awarded.

Through commissioning of a 'Serious Violence Youth Listening Project', more than 1,700 young people (aged 11 to 18) across the county were asked how safe they feel in their local areas and how this can be improved. Insights from this project will inform future work in this area.

The PCC's Youth Fund has been set up using the proceeds of criminal activity. Its aim is to ensure young people living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are deterred from getting involved in crime including knife crime, and anti-social activities.

A list of youth fund awards can be found on the website at the following link:

[Youth Fund \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/youth-fund)

These are shown by financial year and include the organisation, what the funding was for, how much has been awarded and the date it was awarded.

You may also wish to contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary, which is a separate organisation to the OPCC and is treated as such under the Act. Please see the

following link to Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Freedom of Information page on their website: [Cambridgeshire Constabulary's FOI Information](#)