

# Millions more funding for projects to make our streets safer

40 areas across England and Wales have today been awarded a total of £18.3 million to make our streets safer through projects to crack down on neighbourhood crimes like burglary, vehicle theft and robbery.

The money, from the government's Safer Streets Fund, will go towards measures proven to cut crime, including simple changes to the design of streets such as locked gates around alleyways, increased street-lighting and the installation of CCTV.

The third round of the Safer Streets Fund also opens today, providing another opportunity to bid from a fund of £25 million for the year 2021/22.

This next round of funding will go beyond essential environmental measures like improved street lighting and encourage police to secure innovative bids for plans primarily focused on helping make women and girls feel safer on the streets, as well as projects which could include an emphasis on changing attitudes and behaviours in local communities.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

"I will not stand by while criminals inflict fear and misery on our communities, which is why I launched the Safer Streets Fund to improve security in areas blighted by crimes like burglary, robbery and theft.

"But it's more than just environmental change – we need to prevent people from committing these offences in the first place as we build back safer.

"That is why the next round will rightly look at behaviour change, with a primary focus on women and girls who are disproportionately affected by crimes like harassment in public places."

Minister for Safeguarding Victoria Atkins said:

"No one should feel afraid while walking the streets, yet for so many people, particularly women and girls, a background hum of feeling uncomfortable or even unsafe in public spaces has become an all too common occurrence.

"We want this fund to help the police and local councils ensure that our streets are safe for everyone."

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Prevention lead Roger Hirst said:

"Today's announcement of £25m Safer Streets funding reflects the government's confidence in elected Police and Crime Commissioners to effectively recognise local areas of need and deliver evidence-based crime prevention initiatives.

“The Safer Streets Fund allows PCCs to work with local partners in areas that are disproportionately affected by neighbourhood and acquisitive crime, investing in preventative approaches to make communities safer. Preventing crime in the first place is better for the public and reduces demand on policing, as demonstrated by the first round of Safer Streets announced in 2020, which funded 52 projects across 35 PCC areas.

“I also warmly welcome the launch of Round 3 of the Fund, which aims to increase the safety of public spaces, with a specific focus on the safety of women and girls.

“This additional £25m fund has been made available to PCCs to deliver a range of interventions including CCTV, street lighting, educational products and neighbourhood watch schemes. PCCs will now work in close consultation with representative groups and those with lived experience to ensure voices of women and girls are at the forefront of their applications.”

National Police Chiefs’ Council Chair, Martin Hewitt said:

“Neighbourhood crimes such as burglary and theft have a detrimental effect on local communities, with people often scared to leave their homes.

“We know that better street lighting or CCTV can do a lot to prevent crime, which is why we welcome the latest round of the Safer Streets Funding to ensure projects can continue to have a positive impact on the communities that are hardest hit.

“We also know that changing attitudes is key in the long run, which is why police and local authorities are being encouraged to focus new bids on behaviour change and community engagement.”

Safer Streets is just one of the ways the government is working to tackle violence against women and girls.

In March, the Home Office reopened its call for evidence on violence against women and girls, to hear views on this hugely important issue. Over 180,000 responses were received and are helping to inform the new cross-government Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and complementary Domestic Abuse Strategy, which will be published later this year.

The Home Office is also working closely with police on a new online tool aimed at women and girls, which will allow people to pinpoint locations in their local area where they have felt unsafe.

Since its inception last year, the Safer Streets Fund has allowed forces to invest in transformative crime prevention initiatives.

For example, in Humberside, in one of the most deprived estates in the country, funding has gone towards upgrading 20 communal entrances to blocks that drive a high level of burglary and installing 18 secure storage facilities for bikes and motorbikes.

Alongside this, they have installed secure fencing and gates and there is now

a dedicated community outreach programme to support residents and victims of crime on the estate.

Projects across the country have also focused on setting up Neighbourhood Watch groups, increased Automated Numberplate Recognition Technology and CCTV and introducing wardens to undertake community engagement and train members of the public in crime prevention.

A full list of the successful recipients for the second round of Safer Streets is as follows:

<b>PCC or local authority</b>	<b>Grant funding awarded (£)</b>	<b>Number of bids covered</b>
Bedfordshire PCC	432,000	1
Birmingham City Council	432,000	1
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	432,000	1
Bristol City Council	398,000	1
Cambridge and Peterborough PCC	430,000	1
Cheshire PCC	432,000	1
Chesterfield Borough Council	432,000	1
Cleveland PCC	366,289	1
Cumbria PCC	311,358	1
Durham PCC	670,864	2
Dyfed Powys PCC	87,338	1
Essex PFCC	432,000	1
Exeter City Council	432,000	1
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	96,000	1
Gwent PCC	699,564	2
Hampshire PCC	600,030	2
Hertsmere Borough Council	116,000	1
Humberside PCC	431,564	1
Ipswich Borough Council	422,200	1
Kent PCC	769,436	2
Leicestershire PCC	432,000	1
Lincolnshire PCC	244,801	1
Manchester City Council	432,000	1
Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime	725,996	2
Merseyside PCC	819,532	2
Newcastle City Council	431,967	1
North Wales PCC	485,535	2
North Yorkshire OFPCC	429,986	1
Northamptonshire PCC	432,000	1
Nottinghamshire PCC	864,000	2
South Wales PCC	432,000	1
South Yorkshire PCC	850,000	2

PCC or local authority	Grant funding awarded (£)	Number of bids covered
Staffordshire OPFCC	432,000	1
Surrey PCC	310,227	1
Thames Valley PCC	401,950	1
Wealden District Council	309,453	1
West Mercia PCC	863,185	2
West Yorkshire PCC	306,317	1
Wiltshire PCC	432,000	1
Wolverhampton City Council	247,602	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18.3m</b>	

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## [RPC launches new e-learning material for policymakers](#)

News story

The RPC is pleased to publish its first e-learning course on Effective Consultations for Gathering Evidence.



The RPC is pleased to publish its first e-learning course on [Effective Consultation for Gathering Evidence](#) as part of its ambition for better evidence-based regulation.

The RPC seeks to establish strong collaborative relationships with government departments to allow it to support the best possible regulatory policy making. RPC support is offered to departments and regulators throughout the policy development process and, while the submission of consultation stage impact assessments for RPC scrutiny remains voluntary, departments are encouraged to engage with us at the earliest stage possible.

The process of consultation is a key part of gathering high-quality evidence for making decisions on whether to regulate. This new e-learning course

introduces policymakers to the basics of who to consult at the appropriate times and how to ask effective questions that will help acquire the most effective evidence to support decisions that benefit UK economy and society.

The RPC believes that more effective consultation helps to produce more accurate analysis of the costs and benefits of regulation (including impacts on business) before final decisions are made.

The RPC will be developing further e-learning courses. Meanwhile, we welcome feedback on the this very first course.

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## [PM call with President Moon Jae-in: 3 June 2021](#)

News story

Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke to Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in.



The Prime Minister spoke to Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-in this morning ahead of the UK's G7 Summit, which President Moon will attend as a guest.

The leaders discussed their ambitions for the Summit, including working together to lead a global recovery from coronavirus. The Prime Minister expressed his hope that attending countries will make ambitious commitments to increase global access to coronavirus vaccines.

They also discussed the importance of using the G7 to agree action to tackle climate change and support green growth ahead of the COP26 Summit, and to increase support for access to education in developing countries, via the Global Partnership for Education.

The Prime Minister underscored the importance of the UK-Republic of Korea relationship in areas including trade, investment and security. He said the visit of the UK's Carrier Strike Group to South Korea later this year would be an exciting opportunity to deepen that relationship.

The leaders also discussed the importance of stability in the Korean Peninsula.

They looked forward to meeting in person in Cornwall next week.

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## [Surge testing to be deployed in Derbyshire](#)

News story

Surge testing being deployed in Derbyshire following the identification of a small number of confirmed cases of the variant first identified in India, B1.617.2



NHS Test and Trace – in partnership with the local authority – is launching additional testing and genomic sequencing in Gamesley Ward, High Peak in Derbyshire.

This surge testing is being deployed following the identification of a small number of confirmed cases of the variant first identified in India, B1.617.2. All the confirmed cases have been instructed to self-isolate and their contacts have been identified.

Everyone aged 5 and over who lives or works in this area is strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 PCR test from today, whether they are showing symptoms or not.

Enhanced contact tracing will be used for individuals testing positive with a variant of concern (VOC). This is where contact tracers look back over an extended period to determine the route of transmission.

By using PCR tests, positive results are then sent for genomic sequencing at specialist laboratories, helping us to identify COVID-19 cases with a variant of concern and prevent their spread.

If you have symptoms you should book a free test online or by phone. You can then go to a testing site or have a kit sent to your home. If you have no symptoms, you should visit the local authority's [website for more information](#).

People in this local area should continue to make use of free twice-weekly rapid tests, commonly known as lateral flow devices or LFDs, alongside the PCR test as part of surge testing.

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## [Crime duty rota guidance](#)

### **Rota Approach**

The LAA are making this announcement now as the deadline for submission of CRM12s for the October rotas is 12 July 2021, to ensure that providers have as much notice as possible of our intended approach for the October rotas.

The agency recognises it is possible the situation with regards to the COVID-19 outbreak may not go as planned. If this is the case and it looks to affect the October rota period, we will amend the guidance accordingly.

### **April 2021 duty rotas**

The duty solicitor contingency arrangement will now finish at the end of the current April duty rotas on 30 September 2021.

Under this scheme, the LAA will not take contractual action where a duty solicitor is unable to comply with the engaged requirements because of the impact of COVID-19.

Providers should inform their contract manager immediately if a duty solicitor gives notice of leaving their employment or ceases to be engaged by them.

Engaged requirements include 14 hours per week criminal defence work and a minimum number of police station and court attendances.

Guidance on the duty solicitor contingency arrangement can be found through our schedule of processes restarting after the COVID-19 contingency.

## **October 2021 duty rotas**

New guidance sets out that CRM12 applications to add duty solicitors to the October rotas should only be made where there is a reasonable expectation the engaged requirements for the duty solicitor will be met from 1 October.

This is because the October rotas are not anticipated to cover a period of either COVID-19 lockdown or restrictions. Should that change, the LAA will amend the guidance accordingly.

CRM12s will need to be submitted by 11.59pm on 12 July 2021. The police station and court duty rotas will run for the usual 6 months.

Providers submitting a CRM12 for a new duty solicitor will need to provide a copy of their Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme (CLAS) certificate. But the LAA are making exceptional arrangements for new duty solicitors completing their CLAS accreditation in July 2021.

Providers may submit a CRM12 for these duty solicitor candidates for the 12 July 2021 deadline, but will have up to 6 August 2021 to submit the CLAS certificate. These exceptional arrangements will not apply to any future rotas after the October rotas.

Guidance on the process that will be followed for these applications is set out in the additional guidance document on the October 2021 duty rotas. This is published alongside the CRM12 form.

## **Further information**

[Schedule of processes restarting after COVID-19 contingency](#)

[CRM12: duty solicitor application when moving firm – form](#)

Email [crm12@justice.gov.uk](mailto:crm12@justice.gov.uk) to submit CRM12 applications by 11 January 2021

[Duty solicitors: rotas, information and guidance](#) – for the standard guidance on CRM12s for October 2021 rotas