



National programme to develop the evidence base on vulnerability and violent crime

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Are you interested in helping build the evidence base on vulnerability and violent crime?

The College of Policing in partnership with the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) has been awarded a grant through the Home Office Police Transformation Fund to undertake a programme of work to develop and share the evidence base on vulnerability and violent crime. The programme launched in June 2018 and is funded until March 2020.

The programme aims to further develop and embed the use of evidence in policing, to address priority problems. The programme has created a Vulnerability Coordination Centre (VCC), hosted by the NPCC which is working with force violence and public protection (VPP) leads to identify and map current interventions and approaches to vulnerability and violent crime in forces across England and Wales.

A minimum of ten of the most promising interventions identified through the work of the VCC will then be tested through independent evaluations. The findings from these evaluations will help to build the evidence based around 'what works' to tackle vulnerability and violent crime. The budget for these evaluations is in the region of £1.5million.

How can I get involved?

Academics can get involved either as academic advisors, or independent evaluators. Academic advisors will act as critical friends to a number of independent evaluations on an ongoing basis. Advisors will work across a number of evaluations to identify challenges and notable practice, providing support as required. Academic advisors will provide reports to the programme board and work closely with the College Lead and Programme Manager to monitor and support the delivery of the programme. These are paid roles, with advisors required for approximately 20 days in both 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

Academics interested in bidding to undertake one or more of the commissioned independent evaluations are encouraged to register on the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Research Marketplace as soon as possible. We will provide more information about the interventions we plan to test later in the year, along with further details on the process for bidding for this work which is likely to start in the autumn. You can find more information about the Research Marketplace here: <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#research>, and you can register as a supplier here: <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sr>

What next?

If you are interested in being kept informed about opportunities arising from this programme of work please email us at vulnerabilityprogramme@college.pnn.police.uk. Please make clear the role you are interested in in the email subject line. Any further questions or queries should be directed to the programme inbox. Further information about the programme will be added to our [website](#) when it becomes available.