

## SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP – POCA FUNDING BID FORM

<b>Sponsoring SCP Organisation/ Department</b>	Licensing department – City of London Police
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<b>Name and purpose of activity</b>	Addressing vulnerability in the Night Time Economy
<b>Amount of funding sought. (please attach detailed breakdown where appropriate).</b>	<p>£3100 is sought for the initial phase for the purchase of drink testing kits, urine analysis kits and printed materials along with drink stoppers. Please see the below breakdown.</p> <p>Drink testing kits 500 x £2 = £1000          Urine testing kits 50 x £8 = £400          Advertising material £1100          Stoppers £600</p>
<b>Outline the objectives of this activity and how they contribute to the SCP outcomes for 2019-22.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People are safe and feel safe in the Night-Time Economy</li> <li>• People are safe from violent crime and violence against the person</li> <li>• Vulnerable people and communities are protected and safeguarded from crime</li> </ul> <p>The initiative will be aimed at helping those in the night time economy who may be or become vulnerable in the City of London. The immediate focus or though not limited to, will be around the instances of drink spiking of people at licenced premises in the City of London.</p> <p>As of today (28/10/21), 28 crimes have been recorded of drink spiking from Jan 2021 – date. 18 of those have come in October alone and the problem (or the fear of the problem) is certainly on the increase. A national media campaign has highlighted the issue further which is believed to have led to increased awareness and reporting. To date none of these reports have been evidentially proven by the way of forensic analysis.</p>

	The initiative will highlight the issues to the customers of the NTE whilst providing a high visible deterrent and evidence-based policing approach to tackling the problem.
<b>Detail resources that will be provided from partners supporting this bid. E.g. Matched funding or other input. (further details can be attached).</b>	Initially this will be police led with the aim to start this over the Christmas period of 2021 and carry on the initial phase through to end of March 2022. After initial fact finding and operational analysis, we will then approach partners for additional resources once the scale of the problem and effectiveness of our measures have been identified.
<b>Timescale funding required for?</b>	Immediately through to end of March 2022. A review will then be conducted and if successful a future bid could be made and also partner funding could also be sought.
<b>What are the proposals criteria for success; measurable outcomes/outputs? Officer(s) responsible for monitoring the spend</b>	<p>The method of deployment will be as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High visibility policing visits to licensed premises to engage with licensees and highlight the campaign</li> <li>• Distributing drink stoppers to venues for their patrons to use to protect their drinks and reassure them</li> <li>• Random testing of drinks in licensed premises using the drink testing kits to gather an evidence base to show the extent of the problem</li> <li>• Rapid testing of anyone who suspects their drink has been spiked with a foreign substance. This will include either/or testing the drink itself if available and seeking a urine sample for testing and analysis</li> <li>• Engaging with patrons directly in the NTE to reassure them of the policing presence, encouraging early reporting to enable evidence to be gathered and providing solutions to help people becoming vulnerable in the first place.</li> <li>• Identifying vulnerable people through deployments either at venues or in the street either directly by police or licensed premises staff in order to ensure they do not become a victim of crime.</li> <li>• Deter any individuals who may be committing crimes against or taking advantage of vulnerable people. Not only will officers give advice around safeguarding against vulnerability they will also give messages of the likely outcomes of those that engage in any criminal behaviour. A policing presence along with strong messaging will be aimed at deterring and reducing the risk of</li> </ul>

	<p>offending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate – Officers will be out educating all of those who work in the NTE from Taxi drivers – bar staff about the role they can play in protecting the vulnerable and getting them immediate help if identified..</li> </ul> <p><b>Measuring results</b></p> <p>All tests of random drink testing will be recorded showing any positive/negative results against the numbers tested</p> <p>The number of reports of drink spiking will be assessed against comparative data for the corresponding time period of previous years. Currently reports are being made several days after the incident is alleged to have occurred. This reduces any prospect of forensic evidence. If this campaign can get incidents reported at or very near of the time of occurrence this will an indication of campaign success.</p> <p>The early evidence kit results will be recorded against reports of any drink spiking incidents to assess if it was evidentially proven.</p> <p>Where a crime is reported and evidentially confirmed as a drink spiking incident - the apprehension of an offender and detection of these crimes will also be a good indicator of good practice.</p> <p>Inspector Jo Northmore, (COLP) will be responsible for the monitoring of the spend. She is the Licensing inspector with portfolio for the NTE.</p>
<b>Budget code/Account details for funds to be transferred.</b>	TBC

Please note recipients will be required to provide quarterly reports on the progress of their funded activity to the SCP. They will also provide a full report, detailing lessons learnt, upon its conclusion.

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Approved:  Yes  No

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