1. Identifying and working with hotspots

Developing a rigorous methodology for identifying hotspot areas of serious youth crime is vital to targeting resources effectively. EIF have proven experience in identifying areas for priority action, including analysis for the identification of Opportunity Areas for DfE and supporting local authorities to understand their data and intelligence. There is no single dataset or agreed national approach to identifying hotspot areas of youth crime. We will start by engaging with stakeholders, including HO, CO, MOJ, DfE and the What Works Centre for Crime Reduction, to discuss data sources, the right level of geography to focus on and how hotspot areas fit with other government activity. We will use a range of data and local intelligence sources to produce a weighted basket of indicators for this. These will include: Police Recorded Crime Figures, Health Administrative Data and wider datasets. We would need support from HO on access to the most useful administrative data (see C3 for detail).

Having identified the hotspots, a number of areas (up to 10) will be invited to apply for long term partnership and 6-10 years of funding to develop and implement a place-based violence prevention strategy. We will select the most promising proposals (approx. 5) based on clear criteria including the parameters outlined in the Statement of Outcomes, and ensuring we achieve a reasonable 'spread' of locations. Section C6 of the bid provides more detail on the work we will deliver in hotspots to drive system-level change and build local capacity.

Given the time and resources needed to identify hotspot areas, we also propose to rapidly starting work with one or two ‘pathfinder’ areas with endemic youth crime issues. These areas will be selected using a more limited set of publicly available crime data and national intelligence and in collaboration with the Home Office. They will allow us to demonstrate to stakeholders our approach to tackling crime through a place based public health approach, and will generate valuable learning to feed into work with the other hotspots as they are identified and selected.