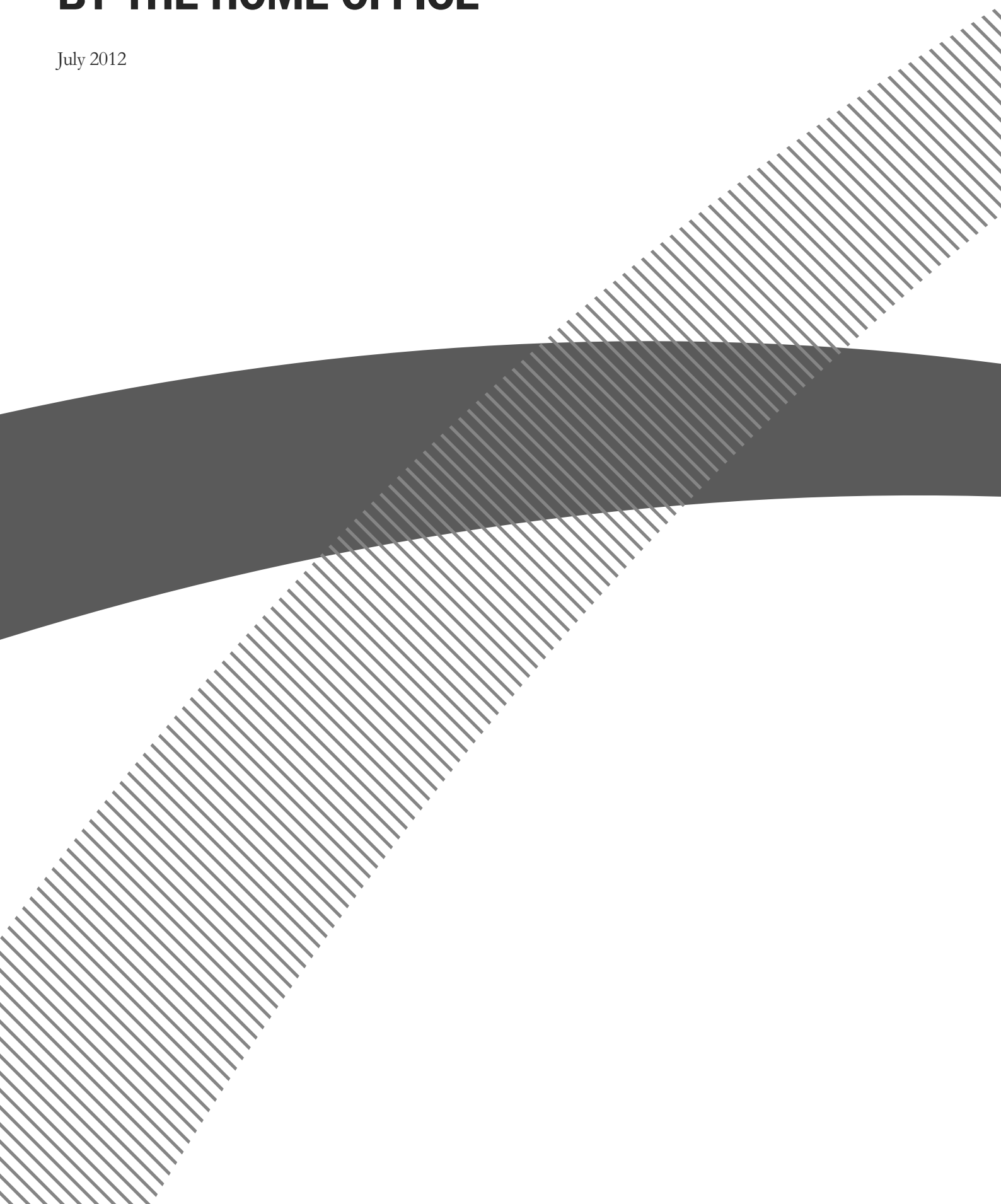


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This report is presented pursuant to Charities Act 2006, section 70, which enables the provision of financial assistance to charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institutions.

Throughout 2011-12, the Home Office has made grants totalling £3.19m to organisations under the provisions of the Charities Act 2006. In all cases, the funding matched both the aims and objectives of the Home Office, as well as those of the recipients. This spending does not represent the total amount of grant funding provided to the Voluntary and Community Sector, as many other grants have been paid to this sector under the powers conferred by alternative legislation.

A total of £1.59m was paid under the Charities Act relates to Prevent. The aim of Prevent is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

The Government and Devolved Administrations cannot deliver Prevent alone. The Prevent programme depends upon collaborative work with people in all communities who reject violent extremism and are determined to challenge it. Strong and empowered communities are better equipped to reject the ideology of violent extremism, isolate apologists for terrorism and provide support to vulnerable institutions and individuals.

To this end, Prevent engages with the Voluntary and Community Sector at a national and local level. This work is unique and ground breaking, and comprises activities to counter radicalisation and provide diversionary and rehabilitation interventions; for example, peer mentoring, leadership programmes and equipping people with the knowledge and skills to challenge extremist narratives and support individuals.

Grants of £1.25m have been paid to a range of Third Sector partners contributing to reducing crime. The activities that this funding has contributed towards included supporting wider Home Office crime reduction objectives and ensuring Public Liability insurance for the Neighbourhood Watch members is in place to cover their community activities.

A grant of £304k was paid by the UK Border Agency to the National Museum Liverpool, for the maintenance of the historic customs collection, provision of the UK Border Agency National Museum and associated drug and weapons education projects.

A grant of £50k was paid by the Government Equalities Office and match funded by the Ministry of Justice to WomenCentre to develop and fund Women's Breakout, a representative body providing voice and support for a network of organisations working to support women offenders and those at risk of offending.

As with all grant funding in the Home Office emphasis is placed on providing value for money. Grants paid under the Charities Act are monitored to ensure that recipients deliver the objectives of individual projects as well as contributing to the strategic aims of the department.

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