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Cc: Community Safety Partnership Chairs  
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Police Authority Chief Executives  
Community Safety Managers  
Welsh Assembly Government

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Dear Colleagues,

## Community Safety Fund - 2011/12 and 2012/13

I am writing to advise you about the Home Office allocations of funding intended for community safety partnerships.

2. The Local Government Finance Report laid before Parliament on 31<sup>st</sup> January confirmed that there would be a Community Safety Fund totalling £56.8m for **England** in 2011/12. This funding is for Resource spending and consolidates the Stronger Safer Communities Fund (HO Element), Young People Substance Misuse (HO Element) and Community Call for Action. There is no Capital being made available.
3. This funding forms part of the Home Office's Spending Review settlement and the Government's commitment to reduce the deficit and reform public services. The Community Safety Fund is subject to cash reductions of 20% next financial year against the 2010/11 Resource baseline.
4. For **Wales**, a similar reduction has been made against the 2010/11 Crime and ASB Grant baseline, with total funding of £2.5m being made available in 2011/12.
5. Allocations for each Local Authority are set out in the attached table. English Local Authorities, including the Greater London Authority, will receive this funding through the Area Based Grant. Welsh Local Authorities will be made a Community Safety Grant direct from the Home Office.
6. As stated in the joint letter from Secretary of States to Community Safety Partnership Chairs on 17<sup>th</sup> December, effective partnerships play a crucial role in helping to tackle crime and reduce re-offending. It is essential for

local agencies to work together to protect vulnerable people, provide better services for their communities, and limit the impact of tightening public budgets.

7. In line with Government commitments to local government, and in recognition of the challenge you face in matching resources to local priorities, this funding is non-ringfenced to allow maximum flexibility in your management of resources.
8. The introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) from May 2012 will give the public direct influence over action on crime in their local area, subject to the enactment of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Bill. The intention is that PCCs will work closely with their local community safety partners, holding agencies to account on behalf of their constituents as appropriate. They will also hold the Community Safety Fund.
9. The Government is keen to transfer community safety funding to Police and Crime Commissioners at the earliest opportunity. As a first step, in recognition of the Mayor's existing responsibility for policing in **London**, community safety funding for London will be granted to the Greater London Authority from April 2011. This is an important step and we are confident that well established partnership arrangements will facilitate a smooth transition within the Capital.
10. In 2012/13, we expect that the Community Safety Fund will total around £28.8m for **England** and £1.2m for **Wales**, a cash reduction of 60% against the 2010/11 baseline. Ministers intend that other funding streams, including Drug Interventions Programme grants will be consolidated with Community Safety Funding for PCCs in 2013/14 and 2014/15 and thus provide them with a significantly larger unringfenced budget overall. We will provide further detail when there is greater clarity over transitional arrangements.
11. Separately, the Spending Review provided a clear commitment to pooling and aligning community budgets for families with complex needs in 16 areas from April 2011, with a view to extending this across England from 2013-14. A list of the initial areas is attached at Annex A. It is for each place to make the case for the funding they believe should be in their community budget based on the groups of families they think most relevant and where they think pooled funding would be most effective. The involvement of operational policing in this decision-making process will be extremely important, although there is no expectation from the Home Office that police budgets should be pooled into local community budgets.
12. If you have any queries please email [CSPEnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CSPEnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours



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## **ANNEX A: The 16 community budget areas for families with multiple problems**

- Birmingham
- Blackburn-with-Darwen
- Blackpool
- Bradford
- Essex
- Greater Manchester
- Hull
- Kent
- Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Croydon
- London Borough of Islington
- London Borough of Lewisham
- The London Boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and Wandsworth
- Swindon