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

This report includes grants paid under the Charities Act 2006, Section 70, for both the financial years 2012–13 and 2013–14.

Throughout 2012–13 and 2013–14, the Home Office has made grants totalling £3.11m and £1.80m respectively 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.

Grants of £2.37m (2012–13) and £1.41m (2013–14) 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. Recipients include the Crimestoppers Trust, the Neighbourhood Watch Network and the Missing People's Charity.

The Crimestoppers Trust provides a service to the community to enable direct participation in the solving of crimes. The Neighbourhood Watch Network receive funding to finance their core costs, enabling them to deliver on their objectives to get involved in community activities that help reduce crime and increase public confidence in the police and criminal justice.

The grants paid to the Missing People's charity support the delivery of core helpline and case publicity services, which provide support and advice to police forces and missing people and their families.

Prevent Grants of £432k were paid under the Charities Act during 2012–13. The aim of Prevent is to stop vulnerable people being recruited by terrorists or supporting violent extremism. In 2013–14 Prevent grants of £103k were paid under the Charities Act.

Grants of £274k (2012–13) and £247k (2013–14) were paid by Border Force to the National Museum Liverpool, for the maintenance and display of the Border and Immigration Museum National Collection.

Central Home Office paid grants of £35k (2012–13) and £40k (2013–14) to enable research into forensic pathology practices and procedures to assist the Criminal Justice System.

To note, during the course of 2012–13 the Government Equalities Office (GEO) moved to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport as a result of a Machinery of Government transfer. Consequently, payments made by GEO have been excluded from this report.

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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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