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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 the financial year 2014-15.

Throughout 2014-15, the Home Office has made grants totalling £1,074,630 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.

Within Crime and Policing Group (CPG), Grants of £540,000 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:

1. The Crimestoppers Trust which provides a service to the community to enable direct participation in the solving of crimes.
2. 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.
3. The Missing People's charity to support the delivery of core helpline and case publicity services, which provide support and advice to police forces and missing people and their families.

Within Office of Security and Counter Terrorism (OSCT) Grants of £220,000 were paid under the Charities Act during 2014-15. The activities that this funding has contributed towards include the prevention of vulnerable people being recruited by terrorists or supporting violent extremism and crime focused campaigns targeting Drug Trafficking, Violence, Firearms and CSE/CSA, (particularly involving young homeless or disenfranchised teenagers). Recipients include:

1. The Crimestoppers Trust which has provided support for the Eastern Region Serious and Organised Crime Unit (ERSOU) regional intelligence unit delivering partnership activities, impacting on all Prepare, Protect, Prevent and Pursue agendas.
2. The National Cyber Security Programme (NCSP) which was established in 2011 after cyber was identified as one of the four most serious threats to national security in the Strategic Defence and Security Review and National Security Strategy. Total funding for this Grant is £20,692,396 of which £90,000 is awarded under the provision of Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006.

3. The YMCA George Williams College who support the Home Office in delivering a commitment set out in the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy to deter people from becoming involved in serious and organised crime by raising awareness of the reality and consequences.
4. Various Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector organisation (under the Organised Crime Local Delivery Project) that support the Home Office in delivering commitments as set out in the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy at a local level.

Within Border Force (BF) a lone grant of £247k was paid during 2014-15 to the National Museum Liverpool, for the maintenance and display of the Border and Immigration Museum National Collection.

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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