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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 2016–17.

Throughout 2016–17, the Home Office has made grants totalling £1,654,500 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 Policing and Fire Group (CPFG), Grants of £1,050,500 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.

Within Office of Security and Counter Terrorism (OSCT) Grants of £357,000 have been paid to fund crime focused campaigns targeting Fraud and Financial Crime, and Child Sexual Exploitation / Child Sexual Abuse. Recipients include:

- Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network To test the application and measurable impact of Serious and Organised Crime Public Interventions Models aimed at identifying activity which will measurably increases at-risk groups' ability to protect themselves from cyber and financial crime and reduce resourcing pressures on law enforcement and voluntary sector communications teams.
- 2. Marie Collins Foundation To enable the Marie Collins Foundation to work with the Home Office to deliver communications activity aimed at increasing young men's understanding of the illegality of viewing/downloading indecent images of children, and the harm caused to the children under the age of 18 who are the subjects of sexually abusive imagery.

Within Border Force (BF) a single grant of £247,000 was paid during 2016–17 to the National Museum Liverpool, towards the maintenance and display of the Border and Immigration Museum National Collection. Further to discussions relating to this Grant following the publication of the 2015-16 Report of usage under S70 of Charities Act 2006 by the Home Office the Home Secretary agreed to defer the planned reduction in the 2017–18 grant in aid to the museum until 2018–19.

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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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