

**Example of a grant awarded from Funds set up with ECF and matched funding from the Proceeds of Crime Scheme:**

**Children Heard and Seen (CHAS)** were awarded £4,780 from the Leeze Charitable Fund in April 2023 to provide online support groups to children who have a parent in prison.

This online service is evidence of the organisation's growth over the past year, in which time they have been able to offer their support to more children and families than ever before. Their 1:1 groups are helping them to understand their feelings about having a parent in prison and to focus on the positive influences in their lives.

Over 200 children are being steered through this challenging time. By extending this guiding hand, providing a safe space and cultivating a sense of self purpose, Children Heard and Seen are helping to break the cycle of intergenerational offending.

It is wonderful to hear the feedback from the families who say things like "I don't know where we would be without CHAS", and "I wish there was something in place for other children up and down the country".

To further support the children, CHAS offers a residential weekend during which they can meet and speak with community police officers. This helps to build understanding and nurture good relationships with the Police, while also bolstering children's confidence.

