



Reference No: 37-2014

# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:**

For PCC Approval

**Title:**

Sign off and approval for Ministry of Justice Competed Fund 2014/15

**Executive Summary:**

On 25 February 2014, the Ministry of Justice announced a Competed Fund of up to £12m for Police and Crime Commissioners for victims services commissioning in 2014/15. All PCCs were given the opportunity to bid for further funding to support priority categories of victims of crime (as defined in the victims code) to help them cope with the immediate impacts of crime and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced. Any additional funding secured through this bidding process is a significant boost to the PCCs budget.

The deadline for submitting applications is 16 May 2014. The total maximum amount of additional funding that any PCC can receive from the Competed Fund will equal their allocated budget for victims services for 2014/15. For Cleveland this means the maximum amount available to apply for is £236,906.

Bids will only be considered by the Ministry of Justice where they are supported and signed off by the PCC. The PCC is therefore asked to support making the following bids to the Competed Fund for 2014/15:

#### Improving Victim experience of the Criminal Justice System (£107,700)

- The provision of body worn video to enable effective evidence gathering for 'unsupported prosecutions'
- Video links from neutral locations to court reducing pressure on victims
- Development of an area-wide Pre-Trial therapy protocol to be rolled out and deliverers trained to ensure evidential integrity.

#### Increasing Safety / Reducing Intimidation (£63,200)

- Emergency Phone Alert - will ensure repeat victims can easily summon assistance and capture critical evidence
- DV Prevention Notices - To enable the Police and Magistrates to provide protection in the immediate aftermath of a DV incident
- Follow-up joint visits by Police and IDVA Support Worker to victims providing reassurance, exit pathways and practical help.

#### Supporting Young Victims (£29,000)

- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub / Fast Track support for young people that have witnessed DV - Information Sharing initiative involving the interests of children who have witnessed DV by the Police sharing information with schools involved with the child by 9am on the next working day
- Registered Intermediaries - to explore the benefits of using intermediaries to assist young people to understand the CJ process and allow their voices to be heard.

#### Awareness / confidence raising (£37,000)

- Production of a Cleveland-wide directory and supporting promotional materials and events to raise awareness / confidence amongst the BME victims available to address honour based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

**Decision:**

The PCC is asked to support the bid for funding from the Competed Fund for 2014/15.

**Implications:**

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

Any funding awarded needs to be spent in 2014/15 and this has been taken into consideration when putting together the bid. No projects have been put forward where there is any doubt about the ability to complete both the work and expenditure by March 2015. There are no additional financial implications for the PCC resulting from the bids, as they currently stand, and the PCC is not required to make any additional financial contributions in support of the bids. There is the possibility that the bids may only be funded in part, at which point the PCC will need to consider how best to proceed.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

N/A

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

The content of the bids have been put together based on identified need with partners and victims across the Cleveland area.

**Human Rights Implications**

N/A

**Sustainability Implications**

The success of any projects outlined in the bids will be fully monitored and considered in the PCC's future commissioning process.

**Risk Management Implications**

Any funding awarded for 2014/15 will require expenditure to have been incurred in line with the bids submitted and will need to be delivered within the current financial year.

All projects have been independently scrutinised, evaluated and ultimately endorsed by the Office of the PCC to ensure they would be delivered within the required timescales.

**OFFICER APPROVAL****Chief Executive**

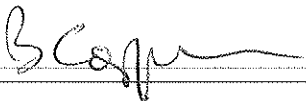
I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: 

Date: 16 May 2014

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS / ~~DOES NOT HAVE~~ my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 16/11/14