



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval following agreement at the funding meeting on 18 November 2015

**Title:** Increased provision for specialist Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) services - Barnardo's / Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC).

**Executive Summary:**

To provide emotional and practical support to anyone under 18 who has experienced sexual violence acutely or historically by adding to our existing ISVA provision across Teesside. Barnardo's SECOS has two full time ISVAs and wishes to complement this service with an additional ISVA in partnership with the SARC.

There are currently 11 children and young people waiting to be allocated an ISVA. Some assistance has been provided through the use of our ISVA therapeutic worker offering pre court therapy, however all children and young people in the criminal justice system have the right to access a child specialist ISVA and this is not currently possible due to an increase in referrals and limit to caseload capacity.

Barnardos believe the introduction of the Police CSE team and specialist online grooming team have successfully highlighted more victims in need of support, increasing the volume of referrals into Barnardos services.

Due to the intensive nature of the face to face support provided this creates limitations to caseload capacity for a full time worker. In response to the increase in referrals there is a need for an additional ISVA to meet the needs of young victims.

The ISVA team works across SECOS, Bridgeway and the SARC to ensure that all child victims and witnesses of sexual violence have their holistic needs met which in turn assists with healing and recovery.

**Decision:** To agree to grant fund Barnardos £19,547 for 5 months of increased ISVA provision.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Barnardo's

**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)

The PCC has sufficient funding within the 2015/16 budget to support this one-off contribution

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

Grant arrangement pursuant to the PCC's commissioning powers set out in s143 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None arise

Human Rights Implications

None arise

Sustainability Implications

None arise

Risk Management Implications

A formal grant agreement has been put in place for the core Child ISVA Service and a variation to this grant will be made to enable the service to receive 5 months of additional funding to increase service capacity. A full ISVA review is currently being undertaken which will better inform future funding decision making for 2016/17.

### 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: 18/12/15

### Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed:  Date: 18/12/15