



Reference No: 17 - 2015

# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

<b>REQUEST:</b>			
For approval			
<b>Title:</b>			
Contribution to Sexual Assault Referral Service 2014/15 and 2015/16			
<b>Executive Summary:</b>			
<p>"Rape and sexual assault are devastating experiences for any victim. Profound feelings of violation, a sense of continuing danger, shock and numbness can affect a person's ability to function for a long time after the attack. Failure to address the victim's immediate and ongoing needs can have a considerable and long term impact on their emotional wellbeing and health. It can also cause the victim to disengage from the criminal justice process, reducing the opportunity for offenders to be brought to justice.</p> <p>Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) are an important example of how agencies working in partnership have the potential to improve both mental and physical health as well as the criminal justice outcomes for victims of rape and sexual assault. Crucially, they provide a holistic service to victims of sexual violence, tailored to their needs and underpinned by principles of dignity and respect." (National Service Guidelines for Developing Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCS) October 2005.</p> <p>Helen Britton House is the SARC for the Cleveland Police area. The SARC is a partnership working arrangement providing a SARC model of practice for victims of Rape and Sexual Assault regardless of whether or not the victim wishes to report to the Police.</p> <p>The SARC model for victims across Cleveland was introduced in 2007 following financial support from the then Cleveland Police Authority and the 4 Tees PCTs.</p> <p>This funding for 2015/16 is required to meet the PCC's ongoing financial commitment to the agreement made in 2007 with the PCTs.</p> <p>The SARC in 2014/15 requires additional funding to meet predicted overspends. The overspend is to be shared 80/20 with NHS England in accordance with the original agreement.</p>			
<b>Decision:</b>			
<p>The PCC is asked to agree to provide additional funds of up to £10k to fund budgetary pressures for 2014/15 and a similar provision for 2015/16.</p> <p>The PCC is asked to agree to provide core budget funds of £41,560 to meet contractual commitments for 2015/16.</p>			
<b>Implications:</b>			
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"/>	

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

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

The financial implications resulting from supporting this bid are affordable within PCC budgets.

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

No specific legal issues arise. Decision appears, from the information provided, to be a lawful exercise of the PCC's powers.

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

Services are provided to all within the community of Cleveland.

**Human Rights Implications**

N/A

**Sustainability Implications**

The lease for the SARC premises is in place until 2027, and funding is anticipated to be available until the end of the lease.

**Risk Management Implications**

A full risk management proces is in operation within the SARC.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



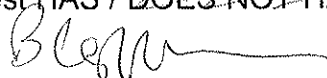
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**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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