



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For formal PCC approval following agreement on 22 September 2016

Title: Childhood Sexual Abuse Support 2016/17– Arch North East

Executive Summary:

During the financial year 2014/15 and 2015/16 a £4.85m budget for Child Sexual Abuse support services was administered through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk to allow increased capacity of the specialist services in recognition of the unprecedented increase in need. One local service provider from the Cleveland area was successful in this process. In 2016/17 the Ministry of Justice remained committed to supporting the increasing demand in this area and decided that this funding would be provided to Police and Crime Commissioners to administer locally based on local need.

Within Cleveland service providers have seen at least a 50% increase in the number of victims coming forward for support with those affected by childhood abuse, on average requiring more counselling sessions to aid their recovery. Therefore the Police and Crime Commissioner would like to utilise this funding to increase the counselling provision locally to support those clients who are impacted by Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). The aim being to ensure victims are provided the opportunity for counselling support in a more timely manner.

Decision:

To provide funding to Arch North East to the sum of £22,804 to increase capacity within the counselling service for a 6 months period (1 October 2016 – 31 March 2017) to support victims affected by Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). The overall aim being to reduce the current waiting list and to enable victims to access support in a timely manner.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Arch North East

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 Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The financial implications of this decision are affordable within the 2016-17 budget that was approved by the PCC in February 2016.

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.

Having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief of Staff is satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None arise.

Human Rights Implications

None arise.

Sustainability Implications

This funding is for a period of 6 months and will come to an end on 31 March 2017. Future arrangements for counselling provision including waiting lists will be discussed at the Custody Healthcare, Liaison & diversion & SARC Partnership Board.

Risk Management Implications

None arise.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

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 13/12/16

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 14/12/16