



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval following agreement at the funding meeting on 25 February 2016

**Title:**  
Appropriate Adult Service

**Executive Summary:**

The Police and Crime Commissioner was contacted in December 2015 by Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind informing that their volunteer-led Appropriate Adult service for vulnerable adults was coming to an end in February 2016. The service has been delivered since 2009 as a complementary part of the Diversion and Resettlement Service and this can no longer be maintained going forward.

Since 2009 the Appropriate Adult Service has supported hundreds of individuals. An example of this includes between July 2014 and March 2015: 160 individuals were supported on 214 occasions. This totalled 254.5 hours.

Appropriate Adults achieve a fairer justice system by safeguarding the welfare and rights of children and vulnerable adults detained or interviewed by police. Appropriate Adults have an important role to play in the custody environment by ensuring that a detained person whom they are assisting understands what is happening to them and why. If this service was no longer available to those most in need it may delay the interview process and cause additional stress to those held in custody due to not fully understanding the reasons for their arrest, or the questions being asked of them.

In order to maintain this vital service the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to provide grant funding to Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind for its continued delivery for 13 months from 1 March 2016. The length of this grant will allow time for discussions to take place with Local Authorities to agree a proposed way forward in regards to this service post March 2017.

**Decision:** To grant fund Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind at a cost of £25k for 13 months to deliver a volunteer-led Appropriate Adult service.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind

**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 available to fund this proposal

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

None arise

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



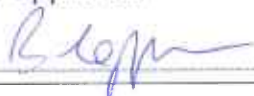
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#### Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

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



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

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