



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval following agreement at the funding approvals meeting held on 25 February 2016.

Title: Court Process DVD for Victims of Rape and Sexual Abuse

Executive Summary: For victims of rape and sexual abuse the court process can often be the most traumatising part of their journey, from not fully understanding the court process to potentially having to come face to face with the alleged perpetrator.

For that reason and after feedback received from a service provider following their involvement in a Winston Churchill Fellowship to Australia, it has been agreed that the three North East Police and Crime Commissioners (Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria), will jointly develop and deliver a DVD that can be used by victims/witnesses to assist them in understanding the court process, and to understand the different roles that people play in court i.e. Judge, Crown Prosecutor, Defence etc.

It is hoped the DVD will diminish any uncertainty for victims/witnesses attending court keeping them engaged in the criminal justice process. The DVD can be used in advance/to complement the services that are already in place for victims/witnesses when attending court including pre-trial visits and special measures.

The production of such DVD has the support of many partners across the North East including, Citizens Advice Bureau Witness Service, CPS North East, North East Crown Courts and specialist service providers across all three PCC areas, including the Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs).

The funding provided supports the North East Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy which was launched in 2013.

Decision: To agree to jointly fund the production of a Court Process DVD through Teesside University in conjunction with Durham and Northumbria PCCs at a cost of £3,333 per PCC area.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Teesside University

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)

Funding is available for this proposal and therefore is affordable.

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

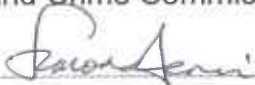
None arise.

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: _____



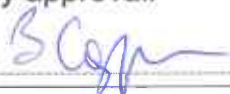
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Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

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