

Reference No: **40-2016**

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval following agreement at the funding approvals meeting held on 21 January 2016.

**Title:** My Sisters Place – Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA)

**Executive Summary:** Since October 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner has funded a full time senior IDVA within My Sisters Place to support the Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC). That funding came to an end in March 2016.

With a high demand for domestic abuse services across Cleveland and My Sisters Place in 2015 supporting 900 active cases, the need to maintain posts like this is extremely important to ensure that victims can access services that assist them in their coping and recovery. In addition to this the need to support the most high risk cases is imperative in safeguarding victims. It has therefore been agreed to further fund this post for a period of 12 months, from 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017.

The service will be available to victims of domestic abuse across Cleveland as part of the network of IDVA's funded or part funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Decision:** To award My Sisters Place £42,303 for the provision of one full time senior Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) from 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** My Sisters Place

**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 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

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: 

Date: 23/2/16

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed: B. Goffin

Date: 23/2/16