



Reference No: **42 - 2016**

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval following agreement at the funding approvals meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**Title:** Sexual Violence (SV) Co-ordinator – Project Lead

**Executive Summary:**

The Tees SV Coordinator has over the past 12 months prepared a Tees Sexual Violence Needs Analysis (SVNA), developed a Tees SV Business Plan to address the 8 recommendations contained within the SVNA, acted as the lead officer supporting the chair of the Tees SV Commissioners Forum and the Tees SV Implementation Group and has carried out a review of the Tees Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs).

As a result of this work there is now a much greater understanding of the prevalence of sexual violence in Teesside, the services that are currently in place to support victims of sexual violence, the funding arrangements for those services and the needs for future services. This relates to the victimisation of both adults and young people under the age of 18 years.

The existence of a co-ordinated partnership structure has created the opportunity for representatives from NHS England, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the North and South Tees Clinical Commissioning Groups, the four Teesside Local Authorities and Cleveland Police to work in collaboration to address the inconsistencies in SV service that exist across the area.

NHS England has recently prepared a draft Project Initiation Document (PID) that outlines a vision for an Integrated Sexual Violence Service across Teesside. This will cover the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Crisis work and Sexual Assault Examinations carried out at the SARC / Royal Victoria Infirmary (RVI), the ISVA service and sexual violence counselling services.

The foundations are now in place for an effective collaborative approach to be taken to address sexual violence in a consistent way across Teesside.

During the next financial year there will be a need to present the proposed approach to the various strategic planning groups i.e.

- the Tees Directors of Public Health,
- the Strategic Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) Group,
- the Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards,
- Community Safety Partnerships and
- Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards.

It is proposed that the Tees SV Coordinator act as the Project Manager to manage the delivery of the workstreams outlined within the Project Initiation Document to move towards the commissioning of a Tees Integrated Sexual Assault Service. This will assist in the preparation of service specifications for the SARC and the ISVA Service and an agreed pathway for Sexual Violence Counselling services for both adults and young people under the age of 18 years. These services could potentially be varied, renegotiated or recommissioned during 2017/18.

It is therefore proposed that the Tees SV Coordinator post be continued for a further 12 months but be adjusted to operate as the Project Manager for the development of the future Tees Integrated Sexual Violence Service.

During 2015/16 the four Teesside based Directors of Public Health each made a financial contribution of £3,613 towards the cost of the Tees Sexual Violence (SV) Service Coordinator post. This was matched to the sum of £17,750 received through the Northern Rock Foundation.

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The annual cost of the post for 2016/17 to £26,288. The funding from Northern Rock has now ended so it is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner and NHS England cover 50% of the cost of the post which is £13,144 and the 4 Directors of Public Health each make an

**Decision:** For the Police and Crime Commissioner to approve a grant funding contribution towards the work to be undertaken by the Sexual Violence Project Manager at a cost of £13,144.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Joanne Hodgkinson

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Safe in Tees Valley

**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

Human Rights Implications

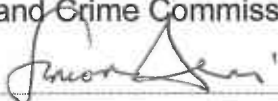
Sustainability Implications

Risk Management Implications

**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.

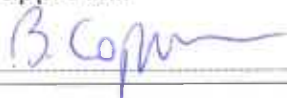
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Date: 23/3/16

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

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



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

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