



Reference No: **47-2016**

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: Specialist Men's Advocate for Domestic Violence Perpetrators – Pilot Programme Contribution – My Sisters Place

Executive Summary:

There is growing recognition locally and nationally, that to tackle the endemic problems of domestic violence the cause of the problem needs to be dealt with; as well as supporting victims to safety and recovery. Through the experience that My Sisters Place has developed over the years in supporting victims, in addition to their research conducted in regards to high risk cases of domestic abuse they have identified a number of gaps in the current approach which results in;

- Victims carrying responsibility for abusive and violent partners;
- A lack of early intervention with perpetrators;
- No support or advice for perpetrators who may be entering systems that will escalate them into the criminal justice system
- A missing link between victims, services and perpetrator that could address the well documented pattern of behaviour that escalates over time

Envisaged Outcome of Pilot Programme

Outcome 1 – Improve engagement with perpetrators to inform the individual's actions and develop better strategies for change and harm reduction.

Outcome 2 – Improve risk assessment and information sharing in domestic abuse cases to reduce repeat victimisation and improve the safety of victims.

Outcome 3 – Improve pathways and practice across a range of support services by improving their knowledge and understanding of the needs of perpetrators and the importance of joint working.

The project is a learning exercise with a strong commitment to making a difference here and now and informing future service provision. The funding provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner will allow for the increase in staffing to further support the project ensuring a wide range of other learning needs can be captured, through feedback from service users and victims.

The project will be developed and delivered over two years and has support from Respect the National Perpetrator Accreditation Organisation who will be overseeing the evaluation to add credibility to any findings and recommendations.

Decision: To agree to provide a contribution of £10,000 per year for two years to the My Sisters Place Specialist Men's Advocate for Domestic Violence Perpetrators - Pilot Programme commencing on 1 April 2016.

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"/>	
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(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 for this proposal is set aside within the 2016/17 budget that the PCC approved in February 2016 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

Statistics show that perpetrators of domestic abuse are more likely to be male and this pilot project aims to support those perpetrators to change their behaviour.

Human Rights Implications

None arise.

Sustainability Implications

This project is currently a two year pilot project and a full evaluation will be completed throughout.


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: 23/3/16

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 23/3/16