



Reference No: 56-2016

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval.

**Title:** Health Education England Innovation Fund 2015/16

**Executive Summary:**

The Tees Strategic Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) Group (the strategic sub-group of Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Local Safeguarding Boards) submitted a bid to the NHS Education England Innovation Fund 2015/16 to increase capacity of a range of practitioners to work with young people who are at risk of, or who have been subject to sexual exploitation, and to develop a set of resources and approaches to support the work of the Tees Group which is a multi-agency strategic partnership to safeguard and support vulnerable children.

The group were successful in this bid and awarded £175,000 in order fulfil an identified need for additional therapeutic and clinical approaches to working with some of the most vulnerable young people affected by sexual exploitation, and the lack of confidence and skills amongst agencies.

The project will provide the following benefits:

- Increasing the skills and confidence of practitioners to improve quality of identification, assessment, understanding, planning and support;
- Establish a new action learning approach to ensure practitioners are able to further develop skills and experiences;
- Create a peer network to more effectively identify and support those at risk of exploitation and shift focus away from a reliance on disclosure to statutory agencies;
- Greater capacity to tackle risk factors and therefore reduce risk;
- More effective cross agency learning and implementation – across Police, schools, social care and health services;
- Reducing unmet need and increasing choice of, and access to, services for targeted and high risk groups

Barnardo's are currently the main support service for children and young people affected by Child Sexual Exploitation across the Cleveland area. It has therefore been agreed that they will be grant funded to deliver this project to build on their existing service provision but also due to the short term funding awarded (project has to be delivered by 31 March 2017).

**Decision:** That the PCC agrees to act as signatory for this funding on behalf of the Tees Strategic VEMT and Barnardo's be grant funded £175,000 to deliver the project as set out

above.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Barnardo's

**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 acceptance of the grant from the Health Education Innovation Fund has been undertaken by the CFO on behalf on the PCC and the terms of the grant are acceptable. The expenditure of this £175k will therefore need to be in line with the terms of the grant to ensure that there is no additional pressures placed on the PCC's budget as a result of undertaking this work.

The appropriate grant agreement with Barnado's will need to be put in place to ensure that the terms of the grant provided to the PCC are met through provision of the service by Barnado's and that appropriate controls are in place to ensure delivery.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief of Staff is satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None arise

Human Rights Implications

None arise

Sustainability Implications

This is a one year grant that runs until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. There is currently no funding available to provide this service beyond this time frame and therefore the Tees VEMT will need to consider what happens longer term with this area of work.

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