



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval.

**Title:** Funding Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind - Appropriate Adult Service

**Executive Summary:** An appropriate adult is responsible for protecting or 'safeguarding' the rights and welfare of a child or 'vulnerable' adult who is either detained by police or is interviewed under caution voluntarily. Although there is no legal duty on any agency to provide Appropriate Adult provision for vulnerable adults, the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to continue to provide funding for this service to increase public confidence in the justice system and to ensure those identified as vulnerable and detained by police or interviewed under caution are given their rights and entitlements.

During the previous 24 months Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind have delivered and developed a successful 24/7 Appropriate Adult service covering the Cleveland area. Between 1 April 2017 and 31 December 2017, 297 individuals have been supported by the appropriate adult service for a period of 365.5 hours. In addition to this, at the end of December 2017, the service had 36 active volunteers ensuring the service remained accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The purpose of this decision is to continue this funding for 12 months (1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019) with the option to extend for a further 12 months (1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020) subject to discussions taking place at a national level and highlighted below.

In September 2017 Nick Hurd MP wrote to PCCs regarding current work taking place at a national level to improve arrangements in Appropriate Adult provision for vulnerable people detained in police custody in England and Wales. As highlighted above, although local authorities are required to provide Appropriate Adult provision statutorily for children and young people it remains unclear as to where responsibility lies for adults. As a result of this in January 2018, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners on behalf of PCCs responded to Nick Hurd MP raising these concerns but supporting the development of a national framework. Although at the time of making this decision, no further feedback has been received. This supports the PCC's objective of Securing the Future of our Communities by ensuring public confidence in the justice system.

**Decision:** To seek approval for funding of up to £30,000 for a 24/7 Appropriate Adult Service delivered by Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind to ensure that vulnerable people are not detained in custody longer than necessary.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachele Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind

**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 Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The financial implications of this decision were included within the 2018/19 budget that the PCC approved.

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 Executive 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

None arise.


Risk Management Implications

None arise.

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Monitoring Officer**

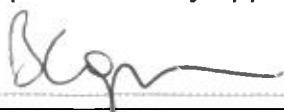
I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed 

Date 19/4/18

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed 

Date 19/4/18