

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Transformation Fund (VAWG) - additional funding

Executive Summary:

In 2016, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in partnership with local commissioners and the voluntary community sector were successful in securing £420,000 over a three year period from the Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Transformation Fund. The aim being to transform sexual violence services across the Cleveland area. The main delivery partner for this funding is Safe in Tees Valley in partnership with Arch North East.

In September 2018, the Home Office announced that local areas could apply for some additional funding to complement and build on existing work already being delivered. We were successful in our application and were awarded an additional £38,520 in October 2018. The funding application submitted can be seen attached at appendix 1 to this decision form.

As the main delivery partner for this project we propose to grant fund Safe in Tees Valley this additional sum of money to build on and support the support service delivery. This programme supports the PCC's objective of A Better Deal for Victims and Witnesses.

Decision:

To agree to grant fund Safe in Tees Valley the sum of £38,520 awarded as additional funding from the VAWG Transformation Fund to complement the existing work already being delivered. This will support the delivery of the following

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OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling			
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 Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The financial implications of this decision are covered by an additional grant from the Home Office and therefore there are no additional financial implications for the PCC to be aware of.

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 26/11/18

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 27/11/18

VAWG Service Transformation Fund – Application for Additional Funding, 1 October 2018 - 31 March 2019

1. Project Details

1.1 Please provide the name of the project, Senior Responsible Officer, lead organisation and partner organisations.

Project Name:

Transforming Sexual Violence Services across Cleveland

Senior Responsible Officer and lead organisation:

Joanne Hodgkinson / Rachelle Kipling (Rachelle.kipling@cleveland.pnn.police.uk)
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

Partner organisations:

Commissioners

Cleveland Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) – lead bidder & accountable body
NHS England (North East & Cumbria) – supporting commissioner
Hartlepool & Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group– supporting commissioner
South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group- supporting commissioner
Hartlepool Borough Council – supporting commissioner
Middlesbrough Borough Council – supporting commissioner
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council – supporting commissioner and lead bidder to CLG Refuge Fund
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council – supporting commissioner
Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company – supporting partner
National Probation Service – supporting partner

Specialist organisations

Cleveland Police – delivery partner for electronic tagging of offenders
Arch North East – delivery partner for ISVAs/VAWG Workers Barnardo's – delivery partner for ISVA services for children & young people
Eva - delivery partner for ISVAs/VAWG Workers Foundation – consulting partner on Refuge provision
Halo – specialist BME organisation, leading on delivery of FM & FGM services
My Sister's Place – consulting partners on Refuge provision and interface with domestic abuse issues
Harbour - consulting partners on Refuge provision and interface with domestic abuse issues
SARC Teesside - delivery partner for ISVAs/VAWG Workers
Safe in Tees Valley - delivery partner of the North East SARC-support service

2. Proposal

2.1 Please identify the type(s) of VAWG covered by proposal (delete as appropriate)

Primarily Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence with some likely beneficial impact in relation to Domestic Abuse, Forced Marriage & Female Genital Mutilation.

2.2 Please outline how you will use the additional funding to expand/ enhance your current project. Your proposal must seek to meet the original aims of the VAWG Transformation Fund (maximum 200 words)

A SARC Link-Worker has been introduced to the Cleveland Sexual Violence service provision, to raise awareness of VAWG agencies throughout health settings and within the BAME community, with the aim of increasing referrals and identifying those affected by Sexual Abuse at an earlier stage.

To create a more sustainable impact, we have identified two key development areas: -

1. Health Pathways Specialist

The SARC Link-Worker promotes the SARC services at an operational level but difficulties have been experienced in accessing key stakeholders at a strategic level.

We propose to appoint a temporary Health Pathways Specialist to assist in the development of the strategic pathways across the broad range of health services. These include sexual health, mental health, GPs, Accident and Emergency, maternity.

The Specialist will: -

- Work with senior members of staff to obtain commitment to promote SARC services within their teams.
- Explore ways to improve the use of internal intranet systems and other digital applications to raise awareness of the SARC and referral pathways

2. Teesside SARC Website

We request funding to update the current Teesside SARC website and promotional materials and further develop the Digital Marketing Strategy. This would include literature translated into key languages making the service accessible to all.

2.3 Please set out a brief delivery timetable and explain how the additional services can be mobilised promptly (maximum 200 words)

As the additional funding will be utilised in support of adding value to the SARC Link Worker role any funding received can be expended rapidly in support of the projects overall aims, objectives and targets.

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2.4 Need and Additionality: Explain how the additional service provision meets local needs and include any evidence which shows that it would be sufficiently utilised (maximum 200 words)

The SARC Link-Worker has raised awareness of SARC services at an operational level. However, gaining key strategic buy in to allow the worker to go that step further has proved challenging for a variety of reasons including; various health providers delivering services across Cleveland and a lack of understanding around the various pathways to and from services.

Service user engagement has identified that it's difficult for clients to navigate their way through the array of support services due to unclear pathways and confusion around what the services offer. In addition to this we have evidence that suggests a lack of awareness amongst health professionals in regards to SARC and SARC services. This is evidenced by the fact that between 1 April 2018 and 31 August 2018 two cases were referred to the SARC by health professionals.

The additionality of a health specialist would bring added value by:

- Increasing strategic buy in from key partners within health settings
- Development of an awareness raising action plan for future delivery by the SARC Link Worker.

The current Teesside SARC website needs updating to describe the new Teesside SARC support services, develop links to stakeholder websites and have ability for translation to different languages.

2.5 Please outline the key deliverables or outputs which will be achieved through the additional funding (maximum 200 words)

Key deliverables include: -

- Development of a website that reflects the current Teesside Sexual Violence services
- The Teesside SARC website will link with key stakeholder websites to improve the promotion of SARC services
- The content of the website will be able to be translated into different languages
- Opportunities developed to make secure electronic referrals to the Teesside SARC
- Strategic support for the promotion of SARC services within key health services
- Increase in referrals from professionals within health settings
- Increased awareness of SARC service across health providers and within BAME services
- Improved use of digital communication between professionals and members of the public
- Publicising and promotion of the integrated SARC/ISVA service across Cleveland
- Increased referrals to the SARC specifically from health settings, BAME community and other 'hard to reach' or marginalised groups
- Greater brand awareness of the Teesside SARC through the promotion on a 'one front door' model

2.6 Please confirm you agree, and understand that, the purpose of the funding is to support additional services delivered between 1 October 2018 and 31 March 2019 only. Unspent funds cannot be reprofiled as part of your year 3 budget.

We can confirm and agree

3. Programme Expansion Budget

3.1 Please outline a budget proposal. This should include the funding amount requested and how this is profiled over Q3 and Q4 of the financial year 2018/19.

Month:	Service / Products:	Cost:
October (Q3)	Website development	£8,000
November (Q3)	Health Pathway Specialist	£4,800
December (Q3)	Health Pathway Specialist	£4,800
January (Q4)	Health Pathway Specialist	£4,800
February (Q4)	Health Pathway Specialist	£4,800
March (Q4)	Promotional Materials	£4,000
March (Q4)	Health Pathway Specialist	£4,800
March (Q4)	Indirect Costs	£2,520
Total:		£38,520

3.1 Please complete the Funding Toolkit with details of the funding bid (costs both incurred/ expected to be incurred) and your ability to spend any potential additional award. A detailed breakdown must be provided.



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