



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Funding – Appropriate Adult Service 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

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:

- 1) Increase public confidence in the justice system.
- 2) Ensure those identified as vulnerable and detained by police or interviewed under caution are given and understand their rights and entitlements.

During the previous 5 years Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind have delivered and developed a successful volunteer led 24/7 Appropriate Adult service across the Cleveland area which has seen year on year increases in call outs.

Between 1 April 2020 and 31 December 2020, 911 individuals had been supported by the appropriate adult service compared to 638 individuals during 1 April 2019 and 31 December 2019. Due to this, discussions are ongoing with Local Authority colleagues in terms of effectively managing this demand moving forward.

The purpose of this decision is to continue this funding for 12 months (1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022).

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 £35,000 (covering the period 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022) for a 24/7 Appropriate Adult Service delivered by Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle 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"/>

(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)

Funding was provided within the recently approved 2021/22 budget and therefore this proposal is affordable to the PCC.

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

Grant arrangements pursuant to the PCC's commissioning powers set out in s143 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The Appropriate Adult Service is available to any vulnerable person who is either detained by police or is interviewed under caution voluntarily.

Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights implications.

Sustainability Implications

The service has seen year on year increases in the number of vulnerable adults supported, work is ongoing with Local Authority colleagues to discuss long term sustainability of the service. This work is supported through the Home Office Appropriate Adult PCC and Local Authority Partnership Agreement with a local version being produced.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risk implications.

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 17/03/2021

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed

L Oldroyd

Date 19/03/2021