



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: SafeLives Domestic Abuse Support - Developing the Response in Cleveland

Executive Summary:

Domestic Abuse is a key priority across many strategic partners across Cleveland including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), Cleveland Police and the four Local Authorities.

Each Local Authority area currently has a plan in place relating to Domestic Abuse and responds in a unique way. It is recognised that it is vital for responses to domestic abuse to be grounded in evidence, and in line with the needs of the local population. As such, SafeLives would facilitate the development of key themes that could create a standardised level of quality across the area, whilst maintaining flexibility for strategic decision making at a local level. Their approach would be to work within existing local arrangements, highlighting and bringing together promising practice to enable greater regional learning, and thus impact. The aim of the work is to support a coordinated and joined up approach across Cleveland, with a continued focus on the need for a local response to domestic abuse with individual delivery and responses at Local Authority level. This project will support those individual responses to work toward a consistency of response, intervention and action. We will not create additional structures and layers of governance, but rather work to join up existing ones.

SafeLives will offer the options below in assessing the current local landscape, consulting with survivors, assisting in the improved assessment of outcomes and delivering workshops based on the findings from our work, the current UK landscape and the upcoming Domestic Abuse Bill.

The outputs of our proposed methodology would include, as a minimum;

- A report that outlines victim and family experiences across Cleveland, including clear journey maps and genograms where available. This report would conclude with a recommended action plan for practice and pathway improvements
- A quality standard tool to be used by commissioners across Cleveland to measure efficacy of strategy and provision. This would enable local commissioners the opportunity to create a 'Cleveland standard' whilst continuing to commission based on local need and resource, whilst enabling regional commissioners improved opportunities to work strategically with each Local Authority area
- A review report outlining current whole family, domestic abuse governance arrangements across Cleveland, and recommendations on improved data, information sharing and learning opportunities
- A financial analysis and capacity report, outlining the current spend regionally on domestic abuse provision and recommendations on capacity needs for future commissioning

This project has been supported by various Strategic Forums, highlighting the joined-up partnership commitment towards this key area of work. Contributions from the partnerships have also been provided to support this work and are outlined below.

South Tees Safeguarding Board - £8,000

Stockton and Hartlepool Safeguarding Board - £8,000			
Tees Safeguarding Adults Board - £8,000			
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - £10,500			
Total - £34,500			
Decision:			
To agree to provide funding of up to £10,500 for the support from SafeLives in developing the response to Domestic Abuse across Cleveland			
OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling			
Contractor Details (if applicable): SafeLives			
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 is in place to support the proposal set out within this decision.

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 monitoring officer approver 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

There are no equality and diversity implications

Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights implications.

Sustainability Implications

There are no sustainability implications.

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 19/03/2021

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 19/03/2021