



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval.

**Title:** Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS)

**Executive Summary:**

The Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) project is a domestic violence and abuse training, support and referral programme for general practices that has been evaluated in a randomised control trial.

In Middlesbrough IRIS will be a partnership programme involving Primary Care and My Sisters Place. The model entails an Advocate Educator (AE) and a Clinical Lead (CL) working with a number of GP practices within the area.

The programme outcomes and benefits include:

**For patients**

- Improve physical and mental health of victims/survivors of DVA by;
- Ensuring advocacy is offered to victims/survivors of DVA at the earliest opportunity
- Improving safeguarding responses to DVA, and increasing survivors' safety
- Enabling victims/survivors to have an increased understanding of what constitutes an unhealthy relationship

**For clinicians/practices**

- Help GP practices deliver improved quality of care for patients experiencing DVA (who may often be repeat attenders who clinicians struggle to support)
- Ensure primary care professionals have the ability and confidence to recognise and ask about DVA.
- Bridge the gap between primary care and specialist DVA/VAWG/GBV sector
- Improve Swale's response to COVID-19 by meeting the needs of survivors who have no other route to support

**For commissioners**

- Help local bodies meet expectations and guidelines to develop coordinated commissioning strategies that include integrated training and referral pathways for patients affected by domestic violence and abuse
- Reduce use of primary care resources
- Increase opportunities to share good practice and learning with other localities

**Decision:**

To agree to provide a funding contribution of £8000 for the period December 2021 - November 2023 in support of the Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) programme.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

<b>Contractor Details (if applicable):</b> My Sisters Place (via Middlesbrough Council)			
<b>Implications:</b>			
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"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

### Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Funding is available within the budget to support this proposal.
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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.
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Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity implications
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Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights implications.
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Sustainability Implications

There are no sustainability implications.
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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