



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: North East Sex Work Forum (A Way Out)

Executive Summary:

The North East Sex Work Forum (NESWF) is a multi-agency not-for-profit regional group that, through multi agency working, aims to engage and support people involved in or exploited through the sex industry across the North East (beneficiaries) and enable them to shape and contribute to service provision so that it responds to their needs.

NESWF has six core board members (Arch, A Way Out, Changing Lives , HMP Low Newton, University of Durham and University of York) who work with this hidden and marginalised community to design and deliver innovative outreach and support services and to conduct nationally recognised research programmes, and a wider network of partners including the police, local authorities, the probation service and other charities

The objectives of NESWF include enabling members and partners to share information and intelligence, to facilitate research (including Participatory Action Research with beneficiaries), to deliver training and workshops (including annual regional learning day) and to develop innovative tools for front line staff and to run campaigns.

NESWF has successfully developed an in-reach service at HMP Low Newton (support for women on offender pathway 9 – Prostitution - in custody and in community), peer led community support groups, innovative outreach strategies, professional training, new pathways for sexual violence survivors, and contributed to regional/national policy – all informed and shaped by the beneficiaries we support. Additionally, NESWF has hosted six learning days with c150 beneficiaries, front line professionals, academics and local politicians. Feedback includes ‘better awareness around trauma’; ‘improved understanding into how diverse a group, sex workers are’; ‘improved partnership working and networking’; ‘greater understanding into the lives of sex workers’

The funding provided by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will support the recruitment of a full-time worker for the 12-month period.

Decision:

To approve a funding contribution of £7,500 towards the North East Sex Work Forum for the period November 2019 - October 2020

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): A Way Out

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)

There is sufficient funding available to cover the commitments made within this decision

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

Having read this form 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 form 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