



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval.

**Title:** Court Based Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) 2021/22

**Executive Summary:**  
 As a result of the COVID pandemic and the subsequent local and national restrictions, the criminal justice system faced many pressures including delayed court appearances and a level of backlog. As a result of this and through COVID monies available to Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC), a full time court based IDVA was introduced in July 2020 to Teesside Magistrates Court to ensure victims were able to access high quality support should they need to, in addition to ensuring no victims 'slip through the net'.  
  
 The introduction of this IDVA has been a real success not only in supporting victims but also supporting partners to ensure the victims voice is heard in the court room.  
  
 This decision is to extend the post for a further 12 months. During this time an evaluation will take place to understand its effectiveness alongside plans for suitability in the future.

**Decision:**  
 To approve funding of up to £35,000 to Harbour Support Services for the provision of a fulltime court based IDVA.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Harbour Support Services

**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