



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Ministry of Justice additional Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Provision

Executive Summary:

In February 2021, it was announced that the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) would be providing an additional £40million to victim support services during 2021/22. This funding is being awarded to focus in on areas that have been hit hardest by the pandemic. Through data provided from services via by Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) we know that:

- Demand for sexual violence (SV) and domestic abuse (DA) support services has increased significantly.
- Due to issues throughout the criminal justice system, many victims require greater and longer support through the CJS.
- Small specialist services have found it hard to build capacity and pivot the infrastructure of their services.
- The picture varies across local areas; we know there are ‘hotspots’ with particular need.

£12m funding is being provided for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) during 2021/22. This funding is for two years until end March 2023 (subject to MoJ confirmation after year 1).

Cleveland OPCC submitted an expression of interest to this fund and was successful in being awarded £876,034 over the two year period (12.6 Full Time Equivalents). This funding has been allocated as below:

Arch Teesside - £129,984
 Harbour - £344,145 (£75,090 is covered in a separate grant with Harbour specifically for Remand Court post (Iken reference 7093)
 My Sisters Place - £155,457
 Foundation - £192,448
 Eva - £54,000

Decision:
To agree the awarding of additional Ministry of Justice Funding to the value of £876,034 for additional specialist IDVA and ISVA provision

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachele Kipling / Tracey Brittain

Contractor Details (if applicable): Arch Teesside, Harbour, My Sisters Place, Foundation, Eva

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)

The additional services set out within this Decision Record Form are all funded by additional grant funding and therefore affordable to the PCC, with no further costs to the organisation

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

Equality and Diversity Implications

The introduction of additional capacity within specialist support services enables services to support more victims including those with protected characteristics.

Human Rights Implications

N/A

Sustainability Implications

This additional funding has been provided to PCCs for 2021/22 and 2022/23 as a result of the impacts of COVID-19, core funding remains in place.

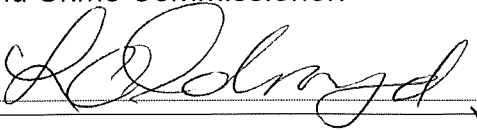
Risk Management Implications

N/A

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 3/12/21

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 3/12/21

