



Reference No: 2021-0007335

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Home Office Perpetrator Funding

Executive Summary:

In July 2021, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was awarded £200,124.66 to deliver a programme that addresses known issues in relation to domestic abuse offending.

Using a 'Team around the Couple' trauma-informed, holistic and systems-based approach, our proposed model will build on and scale up the successful work of the Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) process. Specifically, supporting cases that do not meet the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) criteria and that fall outside of the MATAC 'top 20' and include evidence of additional complex and unmet needs.

Specifically, and for clarity this approach will target the below Domestic Abuse Perpetrators:

- Serial and prolific perpetrators that show signs of multiple and complex needs which may prevent engagement with traditional perpetrator interventions (i.e. drug and alcohol issues)
- Those in a continued relationship with the victim
- Those identified as not meeting the MARAC/ MATAC criteria and are involved in no other protective safeguarding forum

This innovative approach seeks to introduce two key roles which are currently absent in existing Domestic Abuse processes, these are:

Domestic Abuse Complex Needs Coordinator

To provide and take responsibility for the co-ordination of information around both victim and perpetrator from any relevant agencies to ensure informed risk assessment and action planning which clarifies complexities and addresses known issues in relation to any Domestic Abuse offending.

Domestic Abuse Navigators

These posts will support perpetrators to address vulnerabilities and issues that contribute to offending in a person-centred way to ensure longer-term engagement. This will include preparing clients to engage in a meaningful way with longer term behaviour change programmes.

Therapeutic Element

A trauma informed approach will involve the services viewing each client as an individual with a complex history/circumstance, recognising and developing strengths and supporting self-determination by working with clients.

Home Office funding will cover an eight-month period of delivery, with match-funding between the OPCC and the Domestic Abuse commissioners from the Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Stockton local authorities agreed to enable provision for an additional five-month period, up-to the end of October 2022.

Harbour and My Sister's Place are being grant funded to deliver the service in partnership with the OPCC and Cleveland Police. Both organisations are Respect accredited and have an extensive and proven track-record of delivering DA perpetrator programmes and working with victims in the Cleveland area.

An independent evaluation will be conducted by Barefoot Social Research. The purpose of the evaluation will be to capture the 'soft' outcomes of the programme – these will be negotiated throughout delivery.

Matching funding contributions include:

OPCC - £38,117
Hartlepool Council - £15,000
Stockton Council - £15,000
Redcar Council - £15,000
Middlesbrough Council - £15,000

Grant funding provided:

Harbour: £187,229
My Sister's Place: £101,388
Barefoot Research: £7,000

Total: £296,617

Decision:

To approve Harbour and My Sister's Place grant funding (as below) to deliver a perpetrator service with funding that is being provided to the PCC by the Home Office - along with match-funding from the OPCC, and the domestic abuse (DA) commissioners from the Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Stockton local authority areas.

OPCC Lead Officer: Chris Guttridge and Tracey Brittain

Contractor Details (if applicable): Harbour and My Sister's Place

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 has been awarded by the Home Office, and match-funding has been secured - with contributions from the OPCC, Hartlepool Borough Council, Middlesbrough Borough Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council agreed and secured.

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

Grant agreement is in place with Harbour and My Sister's Place which includes requirements to report back on delivery and financial performance which will be monitored on a regular basis.

The organisations will also attend a multi-agency project board as part of extended scrutiny.

Equality and Diversity Implications

This programme is being delivered across all four local authority areas of Cleveland. An equality impact assessment is being completed to ensure that residents from all backgrounds, including gender, ethnicity, race, sexuality, disability status, and age group, will have equal access to the programme - and identify where additional support will be provided to enhance access to the service.

Human Rights Implications

None arising.

Sustainability Implications

The OPCC and the local authority DA services will explore alternative funding streams. The independent evaluation will inform decisions around co-commissioning for extended provision.

Risk Management Implications

None arising.

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 06/12/2021

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 06/12/2021