



Decision Reference: 2022-0004

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Ministry of Justice National Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) / Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA) Fund and Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services Fund 2022/2025 allocations

Executive Summary:

On 25 March 2022, PCC's received a letter from Minister Atkins informing them of the announcement made by the Deputy Prime Minister, that £147m of funding will be committed to over a multi-year period, until the end of 2024/25 for victim services.

This announcement responds to feedback from PCCs and the victim support sector about the challenges short-term investment causes for commissioning and delivering support. Multi-year funding will allow victim support services, and those commissioning them, to invest in building capacity and strengthen the resilience of services.

National ISVA/IDVA Fund

In 2021/22 the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) provided £27m to recruit and retain 700 ISVA and IDVA posts across the country. It was initially confirmed this funding would extend to 2022/23; as part of the multi-year funding update, this has now been extended to the end of 2024/25. In Cleveland, this means the 12.6 IDVA/ISVAs referred to in decision record 2021-0007071 will be funded until March 2025.

In addition to this, the government have committed to a target of 1000 ISVA/IDVA posts by 2024/25. During 2022/23 this included the recruitment and training of an additional 100 posts.

Following an expression of interest process in May 2022, Cleveland were informed they were successful in being awarded funding for two additional posts as below – again until March 2025:

Arch Teesside – ISVA - £95,697 until March 2025

My Sisters Place – IDVA - £114,923 until March 2025

Domestic Abuse / Sexual Violence Support Services Fund

Alongside the national ISVA/IDVA fund the MoJ opened a needs assessment process for the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services Fund. PCCs were required to implement an open and transparent application process from providers and submit to MoJ.

In July 2022, the MoJ confirmed that Cleveland was being awarded £297,399.49 per annum

until March 2025. This funding has been allocated as below (per annum until March 2025):

Domestic Abuse

Halo - £27,000

My Sisters Place - £58,670

Harbour - £112,176

Sexual Violence

Arch Teesside - £29,448

Eva - £40,000

Violence Against Women and Girls

A Way Out - £30,105

Decision:

To note and approve the allocation of just over £508,019 of additional funding, covering 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025, as set out within this decision, with £210,620 being provided to increase the number of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors within Cleveland and a further £297,399 to increase Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services within Cleveland.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): As per above.

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 PCC has received confirmation that additional funding to support these vital areas of service delivery will be provided. The allocations set out within the decision reflect the terms of the funding being provided.

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

There are no legal issues arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

N/A

Human Rights Implications:

N/A

Sustainability Implications:

Funding is in place until March 2025 and therefore all agreements for expenditure and service delivery will align with the funding. If the funding does not continue beyond 2024/25 then these additional services will no longer be affordable.

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 03/08/2022

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 10/08/2022