



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For Police and Crime Commissioner approval.

**Title:** Domestic Abuse Services Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Multi-Year Funding - Grant Consolidation 2022/25

### **Executive Summary:**

In June 2022, following feedback regarding challenges of short-term funding for services funded via Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCCs), the MoJ announced that funding awarded for Sexual Violence (SV) and Domestic Abuse (DA) support services in 2021/22 would be extended to March 2025. As part of this multi-year funding commitment, PCCs are required by the MoJ to pass this onto locally funded services.

On this basis, all current domestic abuse grants awarded over 2021/23 will be consolidated to include the multi-year commitment covering the period 2022/25. All multi-year funding is subject to an annual review that is linked to quarterly performance monitoring requirements including the completion of a performance framework and quality schedule.

Grant agreements with Cleveland's DA providers will now incorporate all DA victim services funding awarded from April 2022. A new consolidated grant agreement will supersede and void the previous grant agreements covering 2022/23 including:

MoJ Core Victims Grant (April 2022- March 2023) – [DRF 2022-7626 refers](#)

MoJ Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) / Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Fund (April 2021- March 2023) - [DRF 2021-7018 refers](#)

Funding for Cleveland's DA Services moving forward includes:

- MoJ Core Victims Grant (April 2022- March 2023) - [DRF 2022-7626 refers](#)
- MoJ ISVA/IDVA Fund (April 2021- March 2023) - [DRF 2021-7018 refers](#)
- MoJ Additional ISVA/IDVA Fund (June 2022 - March 2025) – [DRF 2022-0004 refers](#)
- MoJ SV/DA Support Services Fund (April 2022 - March 2025) - [DRF 2022-0004 refers](#)

On an annual basis the PCC is awarded a core victims' services grant from the MoJ.

Historically, on an annual basis the PCC has contributed towards one IDVA post in each of the local authority areas via the domestic abuse commissioned services.

### **Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees Local Authority Areas**

In 2022/23 Harbour were awarded the contract to deliver DA services in Stockton, Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland, by the respective Councils in each area.

The PCC will directly award Harbour £105,000 per annum to provide one IDVA post in each of those areas.

To align with MoJ multi-year funding the above annual allocations will be extended to March 2025.

## Middlesbrough Local Authority Area

In 2022/23, My Sister's Place were awarded the contract to deliver DA services in Middlesbrough, by Middlesbrough Council.

The PCC will directly award My Sister's Place £35,000 per annum to provide one IDVA post in Middlesbrough.

To align with MoJ multi-year funding the above annual allocations will be extended to March 2025.

### Decision:

To align with MoJ multi-year funding requirements, £35,000 will be awarded to My Sisters Place per annum for an IDVA in Middlesbrough from 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2025 and £105,000 be awarded to Harbour per annum for an IDVA in Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees from 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2025.

Including and in addition to the above, current grant agreements in place for DA services will be terminated with the services consolidated into a new overarching grant to support effective and streamlined grant management arrangements for the following funds up-to March 2025:

- MoJ Core Victims Grant (April 2022- March 2025)
- MoJ ISVA/IDVA Fund (April 2021- March 2025)
- MoJ Additional ISVA/IDVA Fund (June 2022 - March 2025)
- MoJ SV/DA Support Services Fund (April 2022 - March 2025)

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Tracey Brittain

**Contractor Details (if applicable):**

### 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)

Payment schedules outlined in the consolidated grant agreements will consolidate the funding and payments across the four funding streams to enable invoices and payments to be submitted and issued as a single invoice/payment from January 2023.

The funding and budgets to support the decisions outlined within this decision are incorporated within the current organisational plans.

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

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Not applicable.

Human Rights Implications:

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

Multi-year funding arrangements will remain subject to annual review in line with broader commissioning of DA services and performance monitoring with a view to conducting a domestic abuse needs assessment to inform post-2025 commissioning intentions.

Risk Management Implications:

Not applicable.

### 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 08/12/2022

#### Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 14/12/2022