



Decision Reference: 2022/23-0036

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval

Title: Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) Extension 2022/23

Executive Summary:

This Decisions Record Form should be read in conjunction with [DRF 2021-00270620](#) which provides context of the original decision to fund the Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) project in Middlesbrough. This project, which was funded to 30th November 2022, demonstrated some positive and significant outcomes outlined in a report provided by the project coordinator in November 2022.

During consecutive IRIS Board Meetings from mid-2022, partners including Police, Health and Middlesbrough Council were asked by the Domestic Abuse service provider in the project, to consider contributing financially to the continuation of the project. As the project had been Middlesbrough focused a number of partners agreed that continuation funding would only be considered if there was potential for the project to be extended into the other three Cleveland local authorities.

A representative of the national IRIS organisation updated that IRIS had been funded with early indications of positive outcomes by Violence Reduction Units, including Greater London. Following discussions within the Cleveland OPCC in the context of the new violence reduction unit - CURV, it was agreed to glean more from the Greater London VRU.

Early discussions and evidence provided by Greater London indicated that IRIS as an approach has demonstrated positive outcomes. It was agreed that CURV would provide a small amount of funding - £8,000, to provide an extension of the IRIS project to 31st March 2023 whilst longer-term continuation funding and expansion of IRIS across Cleveland is explored.

Decision: CURV to provide £8,000 to Middlesbrough Borough Council to provide an extension of the IRIS project from 1st December 2022 to 31st March 2023.

OPCC Lead Officer: Tracey Brittain (Domestic Abuse lead), Simon Smart (CURV)

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

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| 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)

Sufficient funding is available to support this proposal from the CURV budget.

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

None arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no equality and diversity implications.

Human Rights Implications:

There are no human rights implications.

Sustainability Implications:

This funding is time-limited to 31st March 2023.

Risk Management Implications:

Given the time-limited nature of this decision there are limited risks associated.

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 20.03.2023

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 21.03.2023