



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

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

**Title:** Male Rape Support Services Fund - Extension 2023

**Executive Summary:**

During 2022/23 Barnardo's Tees Valley were awarded Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Male Rape Support Services Funding for a 12 month period (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023), to work with children in a schools context across the Cleveland area (see [decision record 2022-0014](#)).

The funding enabled Barnardo's Tees Valley to deliver a second year of work with schools to get to a position where they would be responding appropriately to concerning sexual behaviours particularly from boys. The focus of the work was to minimise the escalation of concerning sexual behaviours and support teaching staff to confidently handle safeguarding incidents through a trauma informed lens.

At the same time funding was used to provide a safe environment, in which children could identify their support needs and access help. Through a combination of activities, immediate specialist support could be offered including one-to-one therapy.

The 2021/22 pilot has been evaluated and provided some really strong learning points for the future including the need for the response to harmful sexual behaviour within the school context requiring significant further input to ensure that appropriate safeguarding and care is in place.

In March 2023, the MoJ confirmed with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that funding of an additional £10,742.33 from the Male Rape Support Services Fund would be available to 31 July 2023 only. This funding would enable continuation of the project to the end of the 2023 academic year. Barnardo's Tees Valley confirmed that the project could continue to be delivered without disruption until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. After this time, it is the intention of the MoJ to formally procure a provider.

**Decision:**

To award Barnardo's Tees Valley £10,742.33 based on the above executive summary covering the period 1 April – 31 July 2023.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Tracey Brittain, Commissioner's Officer for Victims

<b>Implications:</b>			
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"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

### Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The funding to support this short extension is being provided to the PCC via the MoJ. Both the additional costs and income were not included within the 2023/24 budget and therefore are additionality however as this is fully funded then it is affordable to the PCC.

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:

This project specifically focuses on vulnerable children and young people, especially boys and young men. A broader holistic funding package has been awarded to PCCs for further community support for all victims of sexual violence.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Funding is in place until July 2023 only – Barnardo’s Tees Valley will seek opportunities for longer term delivery.

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 26/04/2023

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 26/04/2023