



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

Title: Additional Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) provision to support increasing complexity and capacity of ISVA casework delivered by Arch North East – from 26 June 2023 for a 12 months period.

Executive Summary:

Arch is currently commissioned by the PCC to provide a core ISVA victim service across Cleveland to support victim/survivors of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation ([Decision Record 2021-00257636](#)). Throughout the current contract arrangements with Arch, a number of variations have been agreed as a result of demand ([Decisions Record 2021-00263176](#) and [Decision Record 2021-7018](#)).

Demand on the service has continued to increase steadily over recent years with a 19% increase in referrals during 2022/23 compared to the previous year. Contract monitoring discussions further reveals that complexity within the caseload is increasing and additional capacity is critical to continue to meet the current service levels.

As a result of these discussions, the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to support Arch North East to recruit an additional x1 full time ISVA for an initial 12 month period from 26 June 2023. This will ensure victim/survivors receive the appropriate level of advocacy and to ensure that support is offered without delay.

Over the next 12 – 18 months work is commencing on an OPCC Violence Against Women and Girls needs assessment to inform future commissioning needs and priorities and the additional demands facing the Arch service will be considered as part of this process.

Decision: To allocate an additional £41,068.00 to Arch to recruit x1 additional full time equivalent ISVA to increase capacity of the current commissioned ISVA service for a 12 month period from 26 June 2023.

OPCC Lead Officer: Tracey Brittain

Contractor Details (if applicable): ARCH

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 funding to support this expansion of service is included within a Special Grant bid that has been agreed by the Home Office and therefore the funding is available to support this proposal.

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

There are no implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Recruitment will enhance the capability of Arch to respond to the specific needs of more complex victim/survivors.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Demand on the ISVA service and impact of additional capacity will be monitored within the context of contract performance monitoring to inform longer-term commissioning/funding allocation to this service. Failure to respond to the needs of victim/survivors and increase in service demand will impact longer-term costs of unmet needs to victim/survivors and impact on services.

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

23.06.23

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date

23.06.2023