



Decision Reference: 2023/2024 - 0022

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval.

Title: Domestic Abuse Perpetrator's with Multiple Unmet Needs Coordinator

Executive Summary:

In July 2021, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was awarded £200,124.66 to deliver a pilot programme focused on working with domestic abuse perpetrators with a range of complex needs. The details of this can be found in [DRF 2021-0007335](#). This pilot, and the Home Office funding for it will end on 31 October 2023.

The Home Office funded pilot which ran from July 2021 to October 2023 has provided learning which we would like to build upon. Further, the OPCC is in the process of conducting a Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Strategy which will be published early in 2024 and, which will inform the longer-term commissioning intentions of the OPCC regarding commissioning of perpetrator interventions.

Funding available to the OPCC for commissioning of perpetrator interventions to 31 July 2024 is £27,690

As the OPCC have progressed exit planning for the above mentioned Home Office funded pilot which will end on 31 October 2023, and in consultation with the pilot board and delivery partners it was agreed that there are benefits in reviewing the learning from the pilot and how we can build on this in the context of a proposal made by the OPCC to fund a domestic abuse - perpetrator's with multiple unmet needs - coordinator role. This role will provide some continuity to existing perpetrator's engaged in the project and to provide ongoing assistance to the range of multi-agency forums (MATAC, MARAC, MAPPA, TATI) identifying cases which could benefit from additional support to co-ordinate safety planning and risk management around both perpetrators and associated victims.

It is therefore proposed that the OPCC fund a coordinator role until 31 July 2024 to provide some continuity to current perpetrator's engaged in the pilot as the Home Office funded pilot comes to an end. This will also allow for the completion of the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Strategy to be finalised and to inform commissioning intentions regarding perpetrators beyond August 2024.

There were two domestic abuse provider organisations funded to deliver the Home Office pilot between 2021-2023, each employing a 'complex needs' coordinator. One of those partners communicated to the board for the pilot, that they did not intend to submit an expression of interest regarding any competitive process regarding allocation of new funding for the interim post to 31 July 2024. It was agreed that, given the challenges associated with recruitment, and the 11 month timescale for delivery, that Harbour would provide the service and that the current role, provided by Harbour, would move into the interim role from 1 November 2023.

Given the limited funding envelope available, the interim arrangement to July 2024 is not a continuation of the previous Home Office funded pilot rather, it is a significantly scaled back offer of support to relevant perpetrators and the multi-agency forums with a role in coordinating risk management and victim safety. It was agreed that the victim safety/support element would be delivered through existing arrangements offered by domestic abuse services commissioned separately to support victims of domestic abuse.

Following a briefing with PCC, Steve Turner on 31 October 2023 where the PCC supported the proposal this decision record is provided to approve the allocation of £27,690 funding towards the employment of 1 full-time (37 hours) Domestic Abuse - Perpetrator's with Multiple Unmet Needs Coordinator from 1 November 2023 to 31 July 2024.

Decision:

To award Harbour £27,690 to employ 1 full-time (37 hours) Domestic Abuse - Perpetrator's with Multiple Unmet Needs Coordinator as described above.

The funding will cover the period 1 November 2023 – 31 July 2024

OPCC Lead Officer: Tracey Brittain, Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Manager

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)

The funding to support the above proposal is included within the 2023/24 budget, with sufficient funding available within the indicative 2024/25 budget to fund the costs that will be incurred in that year should this decision be approved.

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

None arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

This funding will support perpetrators of domestic abuse and inform victim safety planning. It will not impact other EDI considerations.

Human Rights Implications:

N/A

Sustainability Implications:

Funding is in place until 31st March 2024 – OPCC will work with other commissioners on longer term commissioning intentions for perpetrator work aligned to the Cleveland Perpetrator Strategy.

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 01.11.23

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 01.11.2023