



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval

Title: Virtual Reality Domestic Abuse Training Package for Family Court Judges in partnership with Durham and Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioners.

Executive Summary:

Following discussion with the North East Family Courts, District Judge Robinson who oversees training for the judiciary has highlighted a need to upskill Family Court Judges in relation to Family Court matters where Domestic Abuse is a feature.

As a result and in conjunction with Durham and Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) and Teesside University a virtual reality training package is to be developed. A project board to oversee the development and delivery of this specialist training package has been created and will be supported by the Domestic Abuse lead within each of the 3 PCC Offices. To support the work, the 3 North East PCCs have agreed to provide an equal financial contribution of **£7175** (total project costs £21525) with Durham taking the lead on co-ordination of the project and provide payments on behalf of the 3 PCCs. As a result Cleveland's contribution will be paid to Durham OPCC.

Once developed, District Juge Robinson will co-ordinate the training delivery to relevant judiciary colleagues across the North East Family Courts. It is anticipated that the training will improve understanding within the judiciary when making decisions for families where domestic abuse is a feature.

This decision record follows discussion and approval by the PCC in a meeting held on 14 December 2023.

Decision: To provide a contribution of **£7175** towards a project joint funded between Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland PCCs in support of the development of virtual reality training across the North East region to increase awareness within the Family Courts of the impact of domestic abuse.

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

Contractor Details (if applicable): Partnership contribution alongside Durham and Northumbria PCC colleagues.

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



(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)

Funding to support this decision is affordable within the 2023/24 budget.

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:

Equality and Diversity will be fully considered within the scope of the project through the project board.

Human Rights Implications:

N/A

Sustainability Implications:

Funding is a one-off payment in the 2023/24 financial period.

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

18.01.2024

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date

19.01.2024