



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Extension of funding for services to support victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and violence against women and girls.

Executive Summary:

Since 2021, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has provided funding for support services for victims of domestic abuse (DA), sexual violence (SV), sexual exploitation (SE) and stalking, collectively referred to as Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services, outlined within the following Decision Records (DRF's):

[DRF 2022-0020](#) MoJ Multi-Year Funding for DA Services (2022-2025) – Consolidation of Grants

[DRF 2022-0004](#) MoJ SV/DA Support Services Fund (April 2022 - March 2025)

[DRF 2023/24-0003](#) Recruitment of Specialist Stalking Advocates

[2021-0007018](#) MoJ ISVA/IDVA Fund (April 2021- March 2023)

The following Service Providers are currently in receipt of funding to deliver support to victims:

Domestic Abuse	Eva Women's Aid	Grant arrangements
	Halo	Grant arrangements
	Harbour Support Services	Grant arrangements
	My Sister's Place	Grant arrangements
Sexual Violence	Arch Teesside	Contract
	Eva Women's Aid	Grant arrangements
Stalking	Suzy Lamplugh Trust	Grant arrangements
Sexual Exploitation	A Way Out	Grant arrangements

All grants and contracts for DA, SV, SE and Stalking victims support come to an end on 31st March 2025 and, whilst commissioning activity to assess needs and review impact of current provision has commenced, procurement activity and decisions on commissioning intentions regarding VAWG victim services cannot commence until confirmation of MOJ funding for 2025-26 is confirmed.

PCCs have been advised that MoJ funding allocations will be confirmed in December 2024. Following discussion with the PCC and Chief Finance Officer on 16 October 2024 it was

agreed, in the interests of continuity for victims and services, and to minimise disruption, the current grant and contractual arrangements across all VAWG victim services due to end 31 March 2025 be extended by three months from, 1st April 2025 to 30th June 2025.

This extension to existing arrangements will allow appropriate time for procurement activity to commence following confirmed allocation of victims funding for 2025-26 ensuring that current VAWG victim services can appropriately exit existing arrangements if necessary and, providing seamless continuity for victims accessing provision from 1st July 2025.

Decision:

To extend grant and contractual arrangements with current providers of domestic abuse, sexual violence, sexual exploitation and stalking victim support services(detailed above) for a period of 3 months from 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachel Parker

Contractor Details (if applicable): As listed above

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 PCC currently receives £880k of ‘non-Core’ funding from the Ministry of Justice which pays for additional support services for victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence, sexual exploitation (SE) and stalking. It has not been confirmed whether this ‘non-core’ funding will continue into 2025/26 and if so at what level.

Extending the services for 3 months, as outlined within this Decision Record Form, will allow time for this clarity to be provided, however this comes at a financial risk. If the £880k is not received in 2025/26 then the PCC will have incurred 3 months of costs, so around £220k, for which there will be no additional income and therefore these costs will have to be found from within the remaining budget.

The PCC CFO assesses the risks of receiving no ‘non-core’ funding from the Ministry of Justice/Home Officer as very low, and therefore views the financial risks of the decisions included within the document as very low too.

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 Impact Assessment regarding VAWG services as part of commissioning activity has informed this decision.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

This arrangement will cover a three-month period from 1st April 2025 to 30th June 2025 to allow continuity of service delivery and service planning until funding allocations are confirmed and a procurement exercise can be conducted for delivery commencing 1 July 2025.

Risk Management Implications:

Performance reporting and monitoring arrangements will continue.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

Signed



Date 11.11.2024

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed



Date 11/11/2024

