



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

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

**Title:** NHS England Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategy 2025-26 Funding Award

#### Executive Summary:

Following a round table event hosted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) in November 2024 between partners involved in work around sexual violence/abuse and exploitation across Cleveland, it was agreed that there is a need to improve the collective response to supporting victims-survivors. This round table followed discussions during 2024 with partners identifying the lack of coordinated focus on work addressing sexual harms specifically, and the need for a network to join up discussions, activities and future planning regarding all age sexual violence, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

In December 2024, the PCC submitted a funding application to NHS England (NHSE) in support of funding for the development, facilitation and coordination of activities which would support improvements across all partners responding to sexual harms and increase victim experience and confidence.

On 26 February 2025, NHSE communicated that the PCC would be awarded 12-months funding to the value of **£62,900.04** covering the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 in support of this. Given the need to expedite recruitment arrangements - and based on the need for the role to be independent - the PCC have agreed to grant fund Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) **£59,904.80** to implement these requirements on behalf of the PCC.

The PCC will retain a management charge of **£2,995.24** to support OPCC activities related to the management of the arrangement.

This decision was discussed with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 11 March 2025 with full support.

**Decision:** To award funding of £59,904.80 to Middlesbrough Voluntary Development agency to develop, facilitate and coordinate activities across Cleveland in relation to sexual harms.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Tracey Brittain

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA)

#### 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 and expenditure outlined within this proposal were not included within the recently approved budget for 2025/26, however the additional income from NHSE will fully fund the proposals and are therefore 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:

Equality and Diversity implications have been fully considered within the scope of the project.

Human Rights Implications:

N/A

Sustainability Implications:

Identification of further funding to support activities beyond March 2026 will be included as part of the grant arrangement between OPCC and MVDA

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 13.03.25

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed

Date

13/03/2025

*Matt*