



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Protect and Support Fund

Executive Summary:

A key priority in the Police and Crime Commissioner's 2024-29 Police and Crime Plan is 'Ensure the right support for victims & vulnerable people.' This includes ensuring that they **feel supported and listened to** and have access to **high-quality** services at the right time.

As a result of the above, in late July – early September 2025 the PCC launched a **Protect and Support Fund** to pilot new approaches and develop sustainable solutions in support of this priority.

The PCC has made available funding from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) to enable local registered charities to access a one-off grant that works towards one (or more) of the below aims:

- Enhance existing support and protection for vulnerable victims
- Reach and support under-represented groups

Applicants were able to apply for a maximum of **£15,000** per project.

In total, 28 bids were submitted by the deadline on 10 September 2025, 12 of which were rejected due to failing to meet essential selection criteria.

Following an application review meeting held on **16 September 2025** attended by the PCC, Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Manager, the Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Officer and Business Support Officer – the PCC made the decision to fund the below organisations.

- **Eva Women's Aid** - £7,500 - To support delivery of a range of specialist groupwork programmes for women who are victims/survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence.
- **Teesside Lupus Support Group** - £5,000 - To support the delivery of training workshops and focus groups in relation to 'Safety Matters' to the men and women from the BAME community in Teesside who live with a terminal illness.
- **Age UK Teesside** - £15,000 – To support delivery of a short-term befriending service for female victims of domestic abuse aged 50+ living in the Middlesbrough area.
- **Hart Gables** - £12,384 – To deliver targeted support for victims of LGBTQ+ hate, expanding existing work with underrepresented LGBTQ+ communities.

- **Brake** - £9,100 – To support the provision of specialist support for road traffic victims.
- **Open Door North East** - £14,868 – To support delivery of ‘Safe Steps: Preparing Clients for Safety and Life in the UK’ initiative including targeted safety and support workshops for asylum seekers and refugees living in Home Office accommodation.
- **Daisy Chain Project Teesside** - £15,000 – To support the Stronger Voices project that will protect and support autistic and neurodivergent young people (aged 14–25) who are disproportionately at risk of becoming vulnerable victims of crime, exploitation, and serious harm.
- **Creative Minds and Purple Rose** - £15,000 – To deliver 20 sessions to Black, Asian and Global Majority (BAGM) women with a focus on safety and support including how to report to access services.
- **Catalyst Stockton** - £15,000 – To support the establishment a dedicated Community Connector based at The Wellbeing Hub in Stockton-on-Tees, ensuring victims of crime, abuse, and trauma are compassionately signposted to appropriate services.
- **Arch Teesside** - £15,000 – To support the introduction of a navigator role, which will provide trauma-informed support to survivors of sexual violence who are awaiting access to counselling or ISVA services.
- **TransformersHPL** - £9,500 - To deliver a series of community workshops and events to raise awareness and help communities to recognise certain domestic abuse incidents that go unnoticed/unreported under the guise of culture.
- **Refugee Future** - £14,855 - Funding will be used to reach and support under-represented groups through working with people seeking asylum and refugees in Stockton building community knowledge and confidence in local support services.
- **Deaf Empowering Network** - £13,820 – To support the delivery of a one-day multi-agency awareness and engagement event in Cleveland, bringing together emergency services, domestic abuse support agencies, safeguarding partners, and national Video Remote Service (VRS) providers to demonstrate how their services can support Deaf people.
- **My Sisters Place** - £13,740 – To support the delivery of a secure, multilingual online chat service providing victims of domestic abuse in Cleveland with fast, safe, and discreet access to support.

Further details of the successful bids can be found at Appendix A to this decision.

Please note a small number of bids submitted to this funding opportunity have been requested to provide further information before a decision is made on their application, as a result a further decision record may follow.

Decision: To approve funding from the Police Property Act Fund as referred to above.

OPCC Lead Officer: Tracey Brittain/Sarah Wilson

Contractor Details (if applicable): As set out in decision;

- Eva Women’s Aid (Charity number 1088469)
- Teesside Lupus Support Group (Charity number 1209340)

- Age UK Teesside (Charity number 702714)
- Hart Gables (Charity number 1179075)
- Brake (Charity number 1093244)
- Open Door North East (Charity number 1099865)
- Daisy Chain Project Teesside (Charity number 1109792)
- Creative Minds and Purple Rose (Charity number 1204432)
- Catalyst Stockton (Charity number 1083231)
- Arch Teesside (Charity number 1154766)
- TransformersHPL (Charity number 1206502)
- Refugee Future (Charity number 1159508)
- Deaf Empowering Network (Charity number 1198138)
- My Sisters Place (Charity number 1137319)

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)

There was funding of almost £200k within the Police Property Act fund at the start of the 2025/26 financial year. The proposal therefore set out for the PCC decisions is both affordable and aligns with the rules around the allocation of funding from the Police Property Act Fund.

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:

None arising.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Protect and Support Fund applications are one-off allocations with bidders required to set out sustainability plans as part of their application.

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 08.10.2025

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed

08.10.2025

Date