



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Soroptimist International Funding to support victims of Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking

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.

To support this priority, in summer 2025 the PCC launched a competitive funding process to:

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

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 Soroptimist International Stockton branch to provide emergency supplies for victims of exploitation, primarily those who have been recovered from trafficking or modern slavery situations. Funding will be from the Community Safety initiatives Fund.

Support will be aimed at those individuals who find themselves without access to clothes, food and toiletries because of the nature of their rescue from dangerous and illegal situations, helping in the first hours before they are passed to other services through the National Referral Mechanism model.

Soroptimist International will link in with the Cleveland Police Complex Exploitation Team to provide these emergency 'grab bags' which are distributed by Cleveland Police at the point where victims are rescued from modern slavery situations.

Victims supported through the National Referral Mechanism has been steadily increasing, both locally and nationally, indicating an increased demand for this service.

Support will be available for victims across the whole Cleveland area.

Decision: To approve £3,900 funding from the Community Safety initiatives Fund for Soroptimist International Stockton branch to provide emergency supplies for victims of exploitation, primarily those who have been recovered from trafficking or modern slavery situations.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson

Contractor Details (if applicable): As set out in decision			
Implications:			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	☒	☐	
Legal	☒	☐	
Equality & Diversity	☒	☐	
Human Rights	☒	☐	
Sustainability	☒	☐	
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)

Sufficient funding is available with the Community Safety Initiatives fund to support this decision for one-off funding.

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 arise.

Sustainability Implications:

Soroptimists will explore additional funding streams, together with fund raising activity to work towards longer term sustainability.

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 17.11.2025

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed

Date 18.11.2025