



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

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

**Title:** Extension of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Support Services Funding from 1 April 2026 – 30 September 2026.

**Executive Summary:**

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) provides funding to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to commission support services for victims of crime including the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) and Restorative Cleveland (see decision notice 2025/26 - 024).

Funding is also provided to commission services supporting victims of Domestic Abuse (DA), Sexual Violence (SV), Sexual Exploitation (SE) and Stalking – collectively known as Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Services - of which this decision notice provides a funding update on.

As a result of delays in the MoJ confirming budget allocations to PCCs for 2026/27 onwards, and given the government's commitment to multi-year funding over the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years, this decision notice is to seek approval to extend existing funding allocations for VAWG Services for a 6 month period (from 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026). This will provide services with short term stability whilst the Office of the PCC undertakes a re-refresh of current needs and impact assessments, enabling provision to be put in place for a longer period of time from 1 October 2026 onwards.

It is important to acknowledge that as a result of this decision and the increasing costs of service delivery, that providers may be required to reduce their service offer (from 1 April 2026). The OPCC team will work with specialist services to understand this in greater detail and will consider the impact as part of longer term commissioning activity described above.

**Decision:** To approve a 6 month extension to the below services for the period 1 April 2026 – 30 September 2026 at a overall cost of £703,578.21.

**Formula Based Funding:**

Arch Teesside - £193,219.58

My Sisters Place - £17,500

Harbour - £52,500

**Total: £263,219.58**

**General Grant for Domestic Abuse / Sexual Violence**

Harbour - £143,979.00

My Sisters Place - £88,735.00

Eva - £33,250

Arch Teesside - £97,856.13

Suzy Lamplugh Trust - £47,986.00  
Halo Project - £13,500  
A Way Out - £15,052.50

**Total: £440,358.63**

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Delivery

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** As per decision.

**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 to support this expenditure is from a Specific Grant from the Ministry of Justice, which has been confirmed for both 2026/27 and therefore this decision is affordable to the PCC and within the terms of the grant that has been provided for this specific purpose.

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 have been completed in the past and will be reviewed and refreshed as part of the re-commissioning activity described in the body of the decision.

Human Rights Implications:

None arise.

Sustainability Implications:

The Ministry of Justice have provided multi-year funding over the 2026/27 and 2027/28 year. As described above this decision allows for short term stability of services whilst at the same time enabling a service provision review to support a longer term grant allocation covering a 18 month period (1 October 2026 – 31 March 2028).

**Risk Management Implications:**

The risk of not providing services with short term stability could risk the offer of high-quality support for victims of VAWG at a time when services are seeing increases in referrals and complexity of cases.

**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 15.01.26

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed

Date 16.01.2025