



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

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

**Title:** Domestic Abuse Specialists in Control Rooms – Raneem’s Law

**Executive Summary:**

In 2024, the government committed to halving violence against women and girls within a decade and, following the murders of Raneem Oudeh and her mother, Khaola Saleem in 2018 announced Raneem’s Law. The law embeds independent domestic abuse specialists directly into police force control rooms to ensure that calls are properly assessed, victims are safeguarded, and officers receive specialist guidance in real time.

In March 2026, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland was successful in securing Home Office Grant Funding for Phase 2 of the pilot which expands Raneem’s Law to additional forces across England and Wales in preparation for full national rollout.

Following discussions with locally commissioned domestic abuse service providers, it is proposed that local specialist domestic abuse charity, Harbour Support Services, who have been successfully delivering Phase 1 of Raneem’s Law in another police force area, be awarded funding to deliver Raneem’s Law in the Cleveland Police Force Control Room (FCR) where domestic abuse specialists will undertake specific functions including:

- Reviewing and strengthening risk assessments
- Advising officers in real time
- Listening to live calls and supporting victim-centred responses
- Identifying gaps and escalating high-risk cases

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have discussed this proposal with Cleveland Police and Harbour Support Services on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026, and the PCC on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and it is proposed that delivery of Phase 2 of Raneem’s Law will commence in Cleveland Police FCR from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

**Decision:** For the PCC to award up to **£60,000** to Harbour Support Services from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027 to deliver Phase 2 of Raneem’s Law in Cleveland as described above.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachel Parker

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Harbour Support Services

**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"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The PCC has an approved grant in place to provide the funding that has been specifically provided to support the investment of funding that is outlined within the Decision. The proposal is therefore affordable to the PCC and the funding is being spent in line with the Grant terms and conditions.

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:

N/A.

Human Rights Implications:

N/A

Sustainability Implications:

This project is funded entirely by Home Office until at least 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027. Sustainability of the project beyond this time will be dependent upon the availability of funding.

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 15.05.2026

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 18.05.2026