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THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Extension of Teesside Mind contract to provide Appropriate Adult Service

Executive Summary:

The role of an Appropriate Adult (AA) is to safeguard the interests, rights, entitlements and welfare of vulnerable people who are suspected of a criminal offence, by ensuring that they are treated in a fair and just manner and are able to participate effectively in the criminal justice process. The requirement to have AAs is outlined in the Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Act (1984) Code of Practice. PACE regulations were brought in to facilitate communication and ensure that investigation processes are carried out fairly.

Whilst AAs for vulnerable adults are required under legislation, there is no statutory duty on any single organisation to provide the service for vulnerable adults. Nationally, funding for the service differs, with OPCCs, Local Authorities and Police forces being the primary funders. Locally, the OPCC has funded Cleveland's AA service for adults since 2009. Following successive commissioning exercises Teesside Mind have provided the service during this entire period using a volunteer led model coordinated by Teesside Mind staff.

The contract currently runs to calendar years, finishing on 31st December 2026. The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed a three-month extension to bring the contract in line with financial year planning. This was approved as part of the 2026/27 financial plan. The PCC will then consider future commissioning arrangements as part of his budgetary planning for 2027/2028 onwards.

Decision: To approve a three-month extension to the Teesside Mind contract to provide an Appropriate Adult service for vulnerable adult detainees.

Funding of £17,500 will cover the period from 1st January 2027 to 31st March 2027.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson

Contractor Details (if applicable): Teesside Mind

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)

Funding is included within the 2026/27 budget that was approved by the PCC in February 2026 and therefore this decision is affordable should the PCC approve it.

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:

The PCC will consider future commissioning arrangements as part of his budgetary planning for 2027/2028 onwards.

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 07.07.26

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 08.07.25