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THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Surge Funding 2026/29 in response to the implementation of the Progression Model as part of the Sentencing Act 2026.

Executive Summary:

In September 2026, the MoJ announced a Surge Fund for PCCs to bolster local frontline support, ensuring that victims feel safe, informed and supported in response to the implementation of the Progression Model as part of the Sentencing Act 2026.

The objectives of the fund includes;

- Ensuring that those impacted by the Progression Model feel safe, informed and supported.
- Ensuring local support providers are well equipped to deliver appropriate support for those impacted.
- Support join-up between the MoJs other surge funding activity including the Victim Support dedicated helpline and the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Surge Fund.

Cleveland will be awarded **£195,000** across three financial years as below:

1 October 2026 – 31 March 2027	£45,000
1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028	£105,000
1 April 2028 – 31 March 2029	£45,000
Total	**£195,000**

A proposal was submitted to the MoJ outlining our plans – this was subsequently supported on 23rd September 2026 as outlined below:

Project One – Victim Services Uplift

Victim Services Uplift, allocated 94% of the funding - £183,300. To enable the following:

- Increased capacity for direct victim support through overtime or increased hours to respond to victims seeking advocacy, emotional or practical support within current commissioned victim support services across Cleveland
- Increased staffing capacity to support multi-agency approaches/victim service engagement and contribution to victim safety planning and risk assessments undertaken across agencies involved in safeguarding, risk management, and offender management
- A Personalisation Fund to be administered by victim services to support victims with access to 'tools, equipment, services' as part of target hardening (where this is required)

beyond current crime prevention/community safety target hardening arrangements

Funding will be allocated across victim support services already commissioned by the OPCC via further grant agreements or variation to existing contractual arrangements:

Provider	% share	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Safer Communities Victim Care and Advice Service	36%	£16,200	£37,800	£16,200	**£70,200**
Harbour	17%	£7,650	£17,850	£7,650	**£33,150**
MSP	8%	£3,600	£8,400	£3,600	**£15,600**
Eva	2%	£900	£2,100	£900	**£3,900**
Arch	21%	£9,450	£22,050	£9,450	**£40,950**
Suzy Lamplugh Trust	6%	£2,700	£6,300	£2,700	**£11,700**
Halo	2%	£900	£2,100	£900	**£3,900**
A Way Out	2%	£900	£2,100	£900	**£3,900**
Total					**£183,300**

These allocations have been determined based on the percentage of funding services already receive from other MoJ grant funding streams.

Project Two - Upskilling of Victim Services and Wider Workforce

Upskilling of victim services and wider workforce in relation to the Progression Model, offender management, licence conditions and role of probation victim liaison units, allocated 6% of the funding - £11,700. To enable:

- The development and production of resources to facilitate awareness raising and understanding for practitioners within local services
- Targeted training provided by specialist providers to support risk assessments and victim safety planning.

Provider	% share	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
To be agreed	6%	£2,700	£6,300	£2,700	**£11,700**

Existing grant and contract monitoring arrangements will be utilised to support the understanding of local impact resulting from the Progression Model.

Decision: That the PCC approves the contents of this decision notice including the split of funding across the two projects and the allocation methodology as set out.

OPCC Lead Officer: Tracey Brittain

Contractor Details (if applicable): As above.

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	Implications
Equality & Diversity	☒	☐	Equality and Diversity considerations have been considered and the methodology used included completion of an equality impact assessment.
Data Protection	☒	☐	Services commissioned by the OPCC are Independent Data Controllers and will determine the purpose and means of processing personal data.

Sustainability	☒	☐	Funding is available to support this decision for 2026/29 only. This is non-recurrent funding provided by MoJ to support victim support needs during the transitional changes resulting from the Progression Model.
Risk	☒	☐	There are no risks arising resulting from the allocation of this fund.

Decision Required – Supporting Information

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

Confirmation has been received that the PCC will receive the additional £195k funding that will support the proposals set out within this decision record and therefore the decision requested of the PCC is affordable and in line with the conditions of that funding.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There are no legal implications 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 L Oldroyd Date 01.10.2026

Police and Crime Commissioner:
The above request HAS my approval.

Signed Matt Date 09.10.2026