

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund – October applications

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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary

From October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner has responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime to help them cope and recover.

For the financial year of 2013/14 the PCC was allocated £420,469 by the Ministry of Justice to prepare for local commissioning and build the capacity and capability of potential providers of local support services. This funding allocation has been carried forward to 2014/15 and expenditure to date has funded the resourcing, research and market engagement needed for local commissioning. In September £28,401 was awarded to domestic abuse Outreach services to build capacity and capability. In October, a further application for £14,400 has been received, which is approved and is detailed below.

For the financial year of 2014/15 the PCC was allocated £395,200 by the Ministry of Justice to commission services for victims of crime, including restorative justice. In September, grant applications totalling £154,183.18 were approved. In October, a further two applications totalling £20,032.00 have been received, which are approved and are detailed below.

A total of £220,984.82 remains for commissioning support services for victims of crime, including restorative justice.

Applications

The following provides an overview of grant applications received in October and recommended for the Police and Crime Commissioner's approval:

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (as lead provider)

To award £14,400 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service to increase capacity and capability across the four Domestic Abuse Services, through the purchase of new IT and increasing administration and management hours to assist in the development and delivery of new and expanding services. In addition, the service will work with Surrey Police to scope best practice in other force areas and bring learning back to Surrey.

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (as lead provider)

To award £4,800 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service to purchase publicity materials for each of the four Domestic Abuse Services and also for the Surrey wide helpline with the aim of encouraging survivors to come forward and seek help. In addition, books and publications will be provided to survivors of domestic abuse to help them cope and recover from their experience and explore positive parenting techniques. Similarly, panic alarms will be provided to enable clients to feel safer post separation.

Surrey Police

To award £15,232 to Surrey Police to deliver a domestic abuse training programme for officers and staff, to improve their understanding of the impact of abuse on a victim and services available to help them cope and recover from their experiences. In addition, officers will undertake training in forensic child interviewing techniques, to enable them to understand the needs of the child properly and achieve best evidence.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations and awards to the following;

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

- To award £14,400 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (as lead provider) to increase capability and capacity across all four Domestic Abuse Services, through the purchase of new IT, increasing administration and management hours and scoping best practice in other force areas.
- To award £4,800 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (as lead provider) to purchase publicity materials for each of the four Domestic Abuse Services, as well as publications and panic alarms for survivors
- To award £15,232 to Surrey Police to deliver a domestic abuse training programme for officers and staff and to undertake specialist training in forensic child interviewing techniques.

Signature:



Date: 05/11/2014

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

Financial implications

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Victims Fund Decision Panel considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

Risks

The Victims Fund Decision Panel considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

Equality and diversity

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

Risks to human rights

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.

Data protection and safeguarding

Applicants must comply with the current national and local legal framework with regard adult and child safeguarding, information sharing, and data protection including compliance with Local Safeguarding Children Board's policies and procedures and any obligations that may ensue as a result of a child being made subject to a Child Protection Plan.