

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund – November 2015 applications

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Executive Summary

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

For the financial year of 2015/16 the PCC was allocated £1,276,567 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.

In November 2015, 6 applications for grant funding to provide specialist services to victims of crime were received. Of these applications, three were approved, one application is pending further scoping, one was unsupported as it did not meet the grant criteria and one was unsupported as it did not align with the PCC's commissioning strategy.

A total of £8,235 in grant funding was awarded.

Applications

The following provides an overview of the grant applications received and recommended for approval:

1. Rape and Sexual Assault Referral Centre

To award £3,090 for the provision of counselling assessors to determine what therapeutic approach would be most suitable for clients to meet their individual needs. The funding will also provide a temporary uplift in hours provided by Independent Sexual Violence Advisors to manage an increase in caseloads.

2. Surrey Police

To award £1,700 to Surrey Police to provide specialist training to officers in the use of Domestic Violence Protection Notices/Orders, which are an important power used to protect victims of domestic abuse, keep them safe and afford them the space needed to consider future options.

3. yourSanctuary

To award £3,445 to yourSanctuary to provide specialist training for workers in all Surrey refuges, which will build capability to support clients with complex needs. This will increase refuge accessibility for clients presenting with needs, such as mental health and substance misuse, and ensure workers have the necessary resilience to work in an increasingly complex and stressful environment.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations of the Victim Fund Panel and awards to the following;

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

- To award £3,090 to Rape and Sexual Assault Referral Centre to provide counselling assessors and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor support
- To award £1,700 to Surrey Police to provide specialist training to officers in the use of Domestic Violence Protection Notices/Orders
- To award £3,445 to yourSanctuary to provide specialist training for workers in all Surrey refuges, which will build capability to support clients with complex needs.

Signature: 

Date: 21/12/2015

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.