

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund – March 2016 applications

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Protective Marking: Part One

1.0 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 2016/17 the PCC was allocated £1,372,554 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.

In March 2016, 18 applications for grant funding to provide specialist services to victims of crime were received. Of these applications, 15 were approved, which will support victims of domestic and sexual abuse. Three applications were deferred to allow for further engagement with the applicant.

A total of **£670,219.64** in grant funding was awarded.

2.0 Applications

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

a) Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid (refuge)

To award **£12,970** to provide families attending the refuge with a pack of basic living essentials on arrival and that they can take with them when they move on to independent living. Often families fleeing domestic abuse arrive at the refuge with nothing having left personal belongings behind. The fund will supply items such as new bedding, towels, kitchen ware and toiletries.

b) Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid (refuge)

To award **£19,394** to implement a range of therapeutic services based on the individual needs of the family and children living at this refuge, plus a project to enable school age children, living at the refuge, to have more access to the existing children's service, with one to one sessions provided on a Saturday.

c) Surrey Police

To award **£29,868** to fund the retention of a Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Coordinator post. The MARAC Co-ordinator plays a crucial role in researching and constructing histories of High Risk Domestic incidents, for discussion at the MARAC meeting. This in turn means that victims, and their children

who are often living in fear and isolation, can have the support that the MARAC arena provides.

d) East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (lead provider)

To award **£100,000** (£50,000 from the Victims Fund and £50,000 from the Community Safety Fund) to support the provision of specialist domestic abuse Outreach Services across Surrey and to run the Freedom Programme and other appropriate group work for women who are or who have experienced domestic abuse and/or violence within their homes or relationships. Victims will be able to access all services free of charge regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and socio-economic status. Victims will access DA Outreach Services via self or agency referral and the Freedom Programme through their DA Outreach Worker.

e) East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (lead provider)

To award **£92,816** towards a coordinated county-wide Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service to victims of DA who are going through the Surrey Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC). This funding would cover 80 hrs of IDVA service per week across the county. The IDVAs will provide an emotional and practical support service to the most vulnerable victims, contributing to increasing victim safety, reducing repeat victimisation and retaining victim engagement in the Criminal Justice System.

f) East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (lead provider)

To award **£45,000** for the provision of specialist DA Outreach Services to support the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) & Domestic Violence Protection Notices & Orders (DVPN/O) Processes. The funding will ensure victims have access to support during the DVDS and DVPN/O processes.

g) East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (lead provider)

To award **£69,436** to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to provide a countywide children's service for children and young people (5-16 years) who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic abuse that will help them to make sense of their experiences, come to terms with their situation and develop and grow in self-esteem and confidence. The service will also work with non-abusive parents and support and encourage them as they develop their parenting skills, building on their strengths by empowering them to try new ideas.

h) Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre

To award **£69,251** to enable the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC) to provide another counselling hub in Leatherhead. The current Face to Face counselling service is located in Guildford and is working at full capacity with a growing waiting list of clients. Through the service, experienced and professional counsellors will work on a one-to-one basis with male and female survivors of rape and sexual abuse.

i) Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre

To award **£114,580** to enable RASASC to expand and develop its ISVA service, including the recruitment of another full time ISVA to better manage current caseloads and anticipated increase in referrals. ISVAs will support male and female victims of rape and sexual abuse providing both practical and emotional support whether the assault was recent, non-recent or historic and whether the victim wishes to report the crime to the police or not. Helping the victim to make informed choices and signposting to other services is a central part of the ISVA role. The support from ISVA's is tailored to each client. This approach helps clients cope with the impact of the abuse and move towards recovery, according to the needs of the individual, for example enabling access to counselling, medical or other support services.

j) Surrey Police

To award **£31,440** to provide a dedicated Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Analyst. The post holder will be responsible for advising and assisting in all aspects of investigation by providing strategic and tactical analysis of multi-agency CSE intelligence to senior officers, in order to identify offenders, series and trends, and to suggest problem solving prevention, disruption and intelligence gathering opportunities.

k) Surrey Police

To award **£31,440** to provide a dedicated Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Coordinator. The post holder will establish and maintain a network of contact with local partner agencies to facilitate intelligence sharing, which in turn will help identify CSE victims, perpetrators and hot spots of offending. They will also promote good customer service and police confidence by acting as the primary point of contact and in some cases single point of contact in relation to children at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation.

l) yourSanctuary (refuge)

To award **£15,000** to yourSanctuary refuge to provide a specialist children's service to help families recover from the abuse they have experienced. Group play, one to one work and creative activities will help children adapt to being away from other family members, home, school, their belongings and friends. It will also work to improve self-esteem, wellbeing and transition into refuge life and later resettlement into the community and start to undo the harm caused by witnessing/experiencing domestic abuse.

m) yourSanctuary

To award **£22,000** to support the development and delivery of the county-wide Men's Outreach service for male survivors of domestic abuse and violence (DVA). The male outreach service will offer male victims a specialist service that will respond appropriately to their individual needs.

n) yourSanctuary (refuge)

To award **£12,340** to provide families attending the refuge with a pack of basic living essentials on arrival and that they can take with them when they move on to independent living. Often families fleeing domestic abuse arrive at the refuge with nothing having left personal belongings behind. The fund will supply items such as new bedding, towels, kitchen ware and toiletries.

o) Chapter 1 Charity Ltd (refuge)

To award **£4,882.20** to Chapter 1 South West Surrey Refuge to provide additional support to children. Group play, one to one work and creative activities will help children adapt to being away from other family members, home, school, their belongings and friends. It will also work to improve self-esteem, wellbeing and transition into refuge life and later resettlement into the community and start to undo the harm caused by witnessing/experiencing domestic abuse.

3.0 Recommendation

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

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendations as detailed in **Section 2.0** of this report.



Signature:

Date: 18/3/16

(All decisions must be added to the decision register.)

4.0 Areas of consideration

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

4.4 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.

4.5 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

4.6 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.

4.7 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.