

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund – Bridging Grant

Decision number: 163/2016

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Protective Marking: Part One

1.0 Executive Summary

In October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) 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.

This report includes a recommendation to the PCC concerning the utilisation of this funding.

2.0 Recommendations:

a) YMCA DownsLink Group

In late 2015/16 the PCC awarded funding for the provision of 2 WiSE Project Workers to deliver targeted interventions to children & young people who are victims of sexual exploitation. The funding was allocated for 12 months of activity, with staff contracts due to expire on 23 February 2017.

WiSE workers provide dedicated support for children and young people affected by CSE to help them cope, recover and rebuild their lives. This complements statutory provision available in Surrey for 14-18 year olds, providing a choice to young people who may be happier working with a voluntary agency and broadening the age range that can be supported.

Children and young people affected by CSE often do not see themselves as "victims" due to grooming that has taken place. The WiSE workers provide both emotional and practical help and better equip them to identify and exit coercive and exploitative relationships.

It remains the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's intention to continue funding the service in 2017/18 and it is therefore recommended that the PCC provides a bridging grant to take the service up to the end of the current financial year. The OPCC will then look to issue a new grant agreement to take effect from 1 April 2017.

The cost of extending the current grant agreement is set out below:

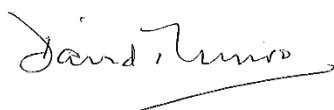
Breakdown	Sum
2 x WiSE Project Workers' salaries (including NI and pension) – 5 week period	£8,065
WiSE Project Manager (contribution toward salary) – 5 week period	£1,632
Core costs on Project Manager post	£277
TOTAL	£9,974

3.0 Recommendation

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

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

Signature:



Date: 09/12/2016

(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.