

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund

Decision number: 032/2017

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1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 In October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) took on responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime to help them cope and recover.
- 1.2 For the financial year 2017/18 the PCC was allocated £1,370,103 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Commissioning Strategy, a proportion of this funding is set aside at the start of the financial year to support a number of 'core services'. A proportion of funding is also made available to support ad-hoc projects and initiatives and on this basis the PCC has agreed to the following funding requests:

2.0 Agreed funding

yourSanctuary: Surrey Domestic Abuse Helpline

- 2.1 The DA Helpline run by yourSanctuary is the only specialist domestic abuse helpline in the County and offers a gateway to further support for survivors, concerned family and friends, and professionals. Currently the service provides a listening ear, information and referral to both yourSanctuary and wider services throughout Surrey.
- 2.2 Funding has been agreed to contribute towards the salary costs of a Helpline Development Manager. The post-holder will also be responsible for:
 - a) Developing the existing DA helpline into a multichannel service;
 - b) Streamlining existing processes & procedures to better address the needs of survivors of Domestic Abuse in the county;
 - c) Expanding the existing helpline volunteer team.

2.3 **Total: £22,000**

RASASC: (multiple)

- 2.4 This grant agreement covers the following three work streams:
 - a) **Helpline Supervisors:** The helpline is predominantly staffed by trained volunteers who give their time to manage and deliver the service. Funding is

being provided under this grant to pay for qualified supervisors that can provide clinical supervision and support to volunteers.

- b) **Helpline Training Courses:** The existing helpline has seen a reduction in opening hours following the loss of a number of volunteers. Recruitment is ongoing, and funding is being provided under this grant to run three helpline training courses for new volunteers.
- c) **Self-esteem and confidence group sessions:** Survivors of rape and sexual abuse often suffer from very low levels of self-esteem and confidence. To help survivors overcome the trauma suffered and move forward with their lives funding has been provided to introduce two evening groups, so that those who work during the day or who have childcare commitments are not prevented from attending.

2.5 **Total:** £25,212.52

3.0 Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

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

Signature:

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Date: 03/11/2017

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.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis, although this was not required in this instance.

Risks

No risks identified.

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.