

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Victims Fund – September applications

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Executive Summary

In October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner takes 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.

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.

In September 2014, the PCC received nine grant applications from specialist victim support services totalling £201,977.18. Eight of these applications were approved, totalling £154,183.18, thereby leaving a total of £241,016.82 for further commissioning of support services. In addition, one application for funding was received from a service provider to build capacity and capability, totalling £28,401, which was approved.

This makes a total of £182,584.18, which will be awarded to providers of specialist support services for victims of crime by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Of the successful applications, eight are for countywide services, with the remaining focusing on the boroughs of Guildford, Runnymede and Woking.

Applications

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

Chapter 1

To award £6744.96 to Chapter 1 refuge to increase specialist support worker hours by 15 hours a week. The support empowers women to take back control of their lives by gaining and maintaining skills and confidence necessary for independent life in the community. Through one to one and group work, women are helped to understand what has happened to them, how their children are affected by being exposed to abuse and how their lives are improved when the abuse is removed. The funds will also allow the refuge to buy resources for use by the clients in the refuge, such as computers and televisions.

yourSanctuary

To award £11,000 to yourSanctuary to extend the existing male domestic abuse outreach service currently operating in North West Surrey to the whole of the county. In 2013/14 Surrey DA services received over 300 male referrals, which represent just over 8% of total referrals for the year. Male victims experience the same emotions and issues that female victims do, however they face additional barriers and challenges in seeking support because of perceived gender stereotypes. By extending the service across the county, males can have the choice of engaging with a male and/or female outreach worker. This service directly responds to a recommendation made by Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner, Jane Anderson, following her consultation with Outreach providers and survivors.

yourSanctuary

To award £7,200 to yourSanctuary to extend the support service in two refuges, which provide a safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Whilst staying at the refuge, the women will engage with specialist support workers who provide emotional and practical support to enable them to cope and recover from the trauma of what they have experienced. The funding will enable the support workers to provide more one-to-one sessions, activities and daily ad hoc support, with more time available to assist women to access benefits, housing and other advice.

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (ESDAS)

To award £55,300 to ESDAS to provide specialist services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse across the county. A children's worker currently operates only in East Surrey with ESDAS and this funding will enable the remaining three Outreach providers to recruit specialist workers. Children and young people (ages 5-16) who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic abuse will receive one to one therapeutic support to makes sense of their experiences, feel empowered to make choices about their future and develop positive coping strategies. The service will also work with the non-abusive parent to support and encourage them as they develop their parenting skills. This service directly responds to a recommendation made by Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner, Jane Anderson, following her consultation with children and young people supported by ESDAS.

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (ESDAS)

To award £28,401 to ESDAS to increase capability and capacity across all four Domestic Abuse Services supporting victims across Surrey. IT systems and Case Management Systems will be improved and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors will convert qualifications to become Independent Domestic & Sexual Violence Advisors and undertake further specialist training (stalking, harassment, honour based and child to parent violence).

National Association of People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC)

To award £21,966 to NAPAC to provide services aimed at helping adults come to terms with abuse that happened to them in childhood, and start to reclaim their lives. It is estimated that a million children a year suffer some form of abuse, but often it is only many years later, in adult life, that this is disclosed. A range of activities will be delivered by NAPAC, including print and online resources; training for those handling initial disclosure of abuse; training for counsellors and psychotherapists; a survivor support group and recruitment and training of volunteers.

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC)

To award £20,000 to RASASC to sustain services for rape and sexual abuse survivors, which are supporting both their immediate needs and on-going recovery. Demand for RASASC services is rising and the funding will enable the charity to fully train a new Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA); provide a fund for victims to travel to meet with the ISVA; sustain the counselling service and; recruit and train more telephone helpline volunteers.

Young Witness Service

To award £20,000 to Young Witness Service to support children and young people (under the age of 18) who are either victims or witnesses of crime and who are required to give evidence at the four criminal courts in Surrey. Children and young people who are victims of crime or have witnessed it can have a wide range of complex needs. The service provides one-to-one support tailored to suit the age and learning ability of the child, designed to return the power and control often stripped away by their experience, and to restore faith in the Justice System.

Surrey & Border Partnership (SABP) NHS Foundation Trust

To award £11,972.22 to the Sexual Trauma Assessment Recovery and Support resource (STARS) established in SABP. This project addresses a current gap in service provision, by offering individual therapy and support to children under 12 who have experienced sexual trauma but do not have mental health problems and would therefore not meet criteria to access support through Child and Mental Health Service. Their individual needs will be assessed and short term therapy package will be offered to promote their recovery and reduce the risk of developing mental health problems.

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 £6744.96 to Chapter 1 refuge to increase specialist support worker hours by 15 hours a week and supply computers and televisions for client use
- To award £11,000 to yourSanctuary to extend the existing male domestic abuse outreach service currently operating in North West Surrey to the whole of the county.
- To award £7,200 to yourSanctuary to extend the support worker service in two refuges
- To award £55,300 to ESDAS to provide specialist services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse across the county.
- To award £28,401 to ESDAS to increase capability and capacity across all four Domestic Abuse Services supporting victims across Surrey.
- To award £21,966 to NAPAC to provide services aimed at helping adults come to terms with abuse that happened to them in childhood, and start to reclaim their lives.
- To award £20,000 to RASASC to sustain services for rape and sexual abuse survivors, which are supporting both their immediate needs and on-going recovery.
- To award £20,000 to Young Witness Service to support children and young people (under the age of 18) who are either victims or witnesses of crime and who are required to give evidence at the four criminal courts in Surrey.
- To award £11,972.22 to the Sexual Trauma Assessment Recovery and Support resource (STARS) established in SABP to support children under the age of 12.

Signature:



Date: 26/09/2014

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.