

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Victims Fund – December 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 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, including restorative justice. This funding allocation has been carried forward to 2014/15 to finance the resourcing, research and market engagement needed for local commissioning, which is on-going. In addition, £42,801 has been previously awarded to domestic abuse Outreach services to build capacity and capability. This latest funding round has approved a further three applications from specialist services to build capacity and capability totalling £88,256.00, which are detailed below.

To commission services for victims of crime, including restorative justice, for the financial year of 2014/15 the PCC was allocated £395,200 by the Ministry of Justice. To date, the PCC has awarded a total of £174,215.18 to local specialist services. This latest funding round saw a further nine applications for funding, totalling £53,860.00, which were approved and are detailed below.

Applications

The following provides an overview of the 12 grant applications received and recommended for approval:

1. *Surrey Police and Surrey County Council Youth Support Services*

To award £50,000 to Surrey Police and Surrey County Council to develop the capacity and capability for Surrey partners to deliver restorative justice to victims. The project will seek to develop a hub to co-ordinate and respond to victim requests for a restorative solution. The project will research demand for restorative justice and design processes and services to respond to victim need. It is envisioned that the Hub will support elements of the Community Remedy Document for Surrey where similar needs and processes will be required, in particular working with partners on more complex cases to ensure victim requests are dealt with in a timely and appropriate manner.

2. *Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC)*

To award £25,406 to RASASC to increase capacity and capability through improvements to IT and office infrastructure - including new web based and secure systems for case management and capturing outcomes; an upgrade of Microsoft Office software; two iPads and desktop PCs for new staff; a new printer and; the re-design and purchase of appropriate office equipment, including an acoustic screen for sensitive phone work and an improved phone system.

3. Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid (refuge)

To award £12,850 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid to refurbish the nine rooms at two refuge properties. These rooms accommodate nine women and up to 21 children. Specifically the project will provide new mattresses, tables and chairs, TVs, storage facilities and soft furnishings.

4. yourSanctuary

To award £2,010 to yourSanctuary to pilot a three month expansion of the current 24 hour domestic abuse helpline, through the provision of proactive countywide referral to local outreach service, via an administrator based at yourSanctuary.

5. East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (ESDAS - as lead provider)

To award £1,500 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to purchase additional equipment and resources to support the work of children's domestic abuse outreach workers within ESDAS and Walton & Weybridge Citizen Advice Bureau (which run the North Surrey DA Service).

6. yourSanctuary

To award £8,640 to yourSanctuary refuge to establish a 'transition fund' for victims, providing families 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, toiletries, food and school uniform vouchers, as well as other items for a child's welcome pack.

7. Chapter 1 - South West Surrey Refuge

To award £10,000 to Chapter 1 Charity Ltd to establish a 'transition fund' for victims supported by South West Surrey Refuge, providing families 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, toiletries, children's toy vouchers and cleaning equipment.

8. The Solace Centre – Surrey Sexual Assault Referral Centre

To award £450.00 to The Solace Centre – Surrey Sexual Assault Referral Centre - to pilot a monthly drop in session for victims of sexual assault, during which they can discuss with a member of the Surrey Police Sexual Offences Team and an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor their options concerning the allegation.

9. The Solace Centre – Surrey Sexual Assault Referral Centre

To award £12,000 to The Solace Centre – Surrey Sexual Assault Referral Centre – to provide an interactive sensory 3D pain and anxiety distraction system for clients. This will specifically support clients with distraction techniques that offer a calming and relaxing solution using a number of passive and interactive devices during the SARC process.

10. Surrey Police

To award £9,000 to Surrey Police to undertake specialist training with Karma Nirvana, which is a team of experts in the field of honour based violence. The training will focus specifically on the effective investigation and unique challenges of this crime type to enable officers to better identify victims and fully exercise their powers to protect and safeguard victims.

11. Surrey Police

To award £2,160 to Surrey Police to provide victims of domestic abuse with a security kit, comprising one door brace, one personal attack alarm and two adhesive window alarms. These measures are a quick emergency solution to help increase a sense of safety for victims, whilst remaining in their own home. The kit will be used alongside other police measures designed to keep victims safe from further abuse.

12. Surrey Police

To award £8,100 to Surrey Police, to hold a child sexual exploitation community engagement event and undertake specialist training, which will enhance investigation methods and early intervention techniques. These activities are aimed towards unveiling this often hidden crime type, so that early warning signs amongst some of the most vulnerable young people in society are identified and appropriate steps are taken to protect them from further harm and recover from trauma.

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 £50,000 to Surrey Police and Surrey County Council to develop the capacity and capability for Surrey partners to deliver restorative justice to victims.
- To award £25,406 to Rape and Sexual Assault Referral Centre to increase capacity and capability through improvements to IT and office infrastructure.
- To award £12,850 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid to refurbish the nine rooms at two refuge properties.
- To award £2,010 to yourSanctuary to pilot an extension of the current 24 hours domestic abuse helpline, through the provision of a proactive countywide referral to local outreach.
- To award £1,500 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to purchase additional equipment and resources to support the work of children's domestic abuse outreach workers.
- To award £8,640 to yourSanctuary refuge to provide a pack of basic living essentials to families arriving, for use during their stay and to support the move to independent living.
- To award £10,000 to Chapter 1- South West Surrey Refuge – to provide a pack of basic living essentials to families arriving, for use during their stay and to support the move to independent living.
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- To award £2,160 to Surrey Police to provide victims of domestic abuse with a security kit, comprising one door brace, one personal attack alarm and two adhesive window alarms.
- To award £8,100 to Surrey Police, to hold a child sexual exploitation community engagement event and undertake specialist training, which will enhance investigation methods and early intervention techniques.

Signature:



Date: 06/01/2014

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.