

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: OPCC Secretariat Support Budget

Decision number: 081/2015

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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary

Through careful budgeting and monitoring, the secretariat support budget for the Police and Crime Commissioner is on track to be underspent for the financial year of 2014/15.

It is recommended that £175,917.00 is awarded from this underspend through grant making to the providers of specialist victim support services in Surrey. A number of priorities have been identified, which complement existing services in place to support victims to cope and recover as far as possible from the impact of crime.

Grants to be awarded

The following provides an overview of the grants recommended for approval:

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

To award £ 60,917 to RASASC to provide three full time Independent Sexual Violence Advisors. The ISVA will support a victim to cope with all the issues that may need to be addressed in the aftermath of abuse. They will help a victim to cope with their fears to access services which will aid recovery and if they wish to report the offence, support them throughout the criminal justice process.

2. *Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid (refuge)*

To award £10,000 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid to increase the provision of specialist support work with women and their families whilst residing in the refuge to help them cope and recover as far as possible from their experiences.

3. *yourSanctuary (refuge)*

To award £10,000 to yourSanctuary to increase the provision of specialist support work with women and their families whilst residing in the refuge to help them cope and recover as far as possible from their experiences.

4. *Chapter 1 (refuge)*

To award £10,000 to Chapter 1 to increase the provision of specialist support work with women and their families whilst residing in the refuge to help them cope and recover as far as possible from their experiences.

5. *Young Witness Service*

To award £35,000 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.

6. East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (as lead provider)

To award £45,000 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service, as lead provider, to provide an increase in service in each of the four Outreach areas in Surrey to support victims with the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and in the instance of a Domestic Violence Protection Notice/Order.

7. East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services

To award £5,000 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to increase capacity and capability to manage and develop services in all four Outreach areas in Surrey, within a changing commissioning landscape.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations and awards to the following;

- To award £ 60,917 to Rape and Sexual Assault Referral Centre to provide three full time Independent Sexual Violence Advisors.
- To award £10,000 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid refuge to increase the provision of specialist support work.
- To award £10,000 to yourSanctuary refuge to increase the provision of specialist support work.
- To award £10,000 to Chapter 1 refuge to increase the provision of specialist support work.
- To award £35,000 to Young Witness Service to support children and young people (under the age of 18) who are either victims or witnesses of crime required to give evidence.
- To award £45,000 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service, as lead provider, to support victims with the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and in the instance of a Domestic Violence Protection Notice/Order.
- To award £5,000 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to increase capacity and capability to manage and develop services within a changing commissioning landscape.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 10/02/2015

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.