

## Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

**Title: Victims Fund – March 2015 applications**

**Decision number: 088/2015**

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**Protective Marking: Part One**

### **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 2015/16 the PCC was allocated £1,276,567 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.

In March 2015, 18 applications for grant funding to provide specialist services to victims of crime were received. Of these applications, 13 were approved, which will support victims of domestic and sexual abuse. Two applications were refused as they did not match the Victim Fund grant criteria and three require further engagement with the applicant to scope the potential service further.

A total of £378,424.20 in grant funding was awarded.

### **Applications**

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

#### **1. Surrey Police**

To award £23,668 to Surrey Police for the provision of a specialist Witness Care Officer, who will support victims of domestic abuse. This will enable Surrey Police to provide an enhanced level of service, ensuring that contact is tailored to the victims' requirements and that individual needs and considerations are catered for.

#### **2. yourSanctuary**

To award £22,000 to yourSanctuary for the continued development and delivery of a countywide men's service for male survivors of domestic abuse. 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.

#### **3. yourSanctuary**

To award £15,000 to yourSanctuary refuge to provide a specialist children's service to help families recover from the abuse they have experienced. Group play, one to one work and creative activities will help children adapt to being away from other family members, home, school, their belongings and friends. It will also work to improve self-esteem, wellbeing and transition into refuge life and later resettlement into the community and start to undo the harm caused by witnessing/experiencing domestic abuse.

#### **4. yourSanctuary (refuge)**

To award £12,340 to yourSanctuary refuge to provide 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 and toiletries.

#### **5. Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid**

To award £11,970 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid refuge to provide 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 and toiletries.

#### **6. Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid**

To award £17,415 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid refuge to provide family therapy sessions and a Saturday Children's Service. A specialist worker will help families repair bonds lost and damaged by the effects of domestic abuse and the Saturday service enables quality time to be spent outside the refuge, with children on a one-to-one basis.

#### **7. Chapter 1 Charity Ltd – South West Surrey Refuge**

To award £10,000 to Chapter 1 South West Surrey Refuge to provide 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 and toiletries.

#### **8. Chapter 1 Charity Ltd – South West Surrey Refuge**

To award £4,882.20 to Chapter 1 South West Surrey Refuge to provide additional support to children. Group play, one to one work and creative activities will help children adapt to being away from other family members, home, school, their belongings and friends. It will also work to improve self-esteem, wellbeing and transition into refuge life and later resettlement into the community and start to undo the harm caused by witnessing/experiencing domestic abuse.

#### **9. East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (lead provider)**

To award £92,816 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to provide a coordinated countywide Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service to victims of domestic abuse who are going through the Surrey Domestic Violence Court. The IDVAs provide emotional and practical support to vulnerable victims, contributing to increasing victim safety; reducing repeat victimisation and retaining victim engagement in the Criminal Justice System.

#### **10. East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (lead provider)**

To award £69,436 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to provide a countywide children's service for children and young people (5-16 years) who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic abuse that will help them to make sense of their experiences, come to

terms with their situation and develop and grow in self-esteem and confidence. The service will also work with non-abusive parents and support and encourage them as they develop their parenting skills, building on their strengths by empowering them to try new ideas.

### **11. Surrey Police**

To award £29,868 to Surrey Police to provide a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Co-ordinator. The MARAC Co-ordinator plays a crucial role in researching and pulling together histories of high risk domestic incidents for discussion at the MARAC. The action plan that is put in place at the MARAC meeting for the victim helps them to stay safe and access practical and emotional support to rebuild their lives.

### **12. Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre**

To award £14,868 to Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre to research the expansion of the service across Surrey for face to face counselling and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) accessibility. The funding will also enable the creation of an ISVA team leader function, to manage caseloads, visits and provide operational supervision. In addition the ISVA team leader will oversee the implementation and on-going management of a new case management system.

### **13. Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

To award £54,161 to Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to provide individual therapy and group support to children and parents/carers affected by sexual trauma. The service provides a therapeutic space in which to explore current difficulties and support to alleviate any distress, promoting recovery and reducing the risk of the child or young person 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):

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- To award £22,000 to yourSanctuary for the continued development and delivery of a countywide men's service for male survivors of domestic abuse.
- To award £15,000 to yourSanctuary refuge to provide a specialist children's service to help families recover from the abuse they have experienced.
- To award £12,340 to yourSanctuary refuge to provide families with a pack of basic living essentials on arrival and that they can take with them when they move on to independent living.
- To award £11,970 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid refuge to provide families with a pack of basic living essentials on arrival and that they can take with them when they move on to independent living.

- To award £17,415 to Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid refuge to provide family therapy sessions and a Saturday Children's Service.
- To award £10,000 to Chapter 1 South West Surrey Refuge to provide families with a pack of basic living essentials on arrival and that they can take with them when they move on to independent living.
- To award £4,882.20 to Chapter 1 South West Surrey Refuge to provide additional support to children.
- To award £92,816 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to provide a coordinated countywide Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service to victims of domestic abuse who are going through the Surrey Domestic Violence Court.
- To award £69,436 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services to provide a countywide children's service for children and young people (5-16 years) who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic abuse.
- To award £29,868 to Surrey Police to provide a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Co-ordinator.
- To award £14,868 to Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre to research the expansion of the service across Surrey for face to face counselling and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (IDVA) accessibility.
- To award £54,161 to Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to provide individual therapy and group support to children and parents/carers affected by sexual trauma.

Signature:



Date: 09/04/2015

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.