

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

### Victims Fund – March and June 2015 (deferred applications)

**Decision number:** 104/2015

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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.

Two applications to provide specialist services to victims of crime were approved by the panel, pending further discussion with the providers. This has now occurred and a total of £44,460 was awarded.

#### Applications

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

##### 1. The Counselling Partnership

To award £15,410 to provide fully funded counselling sessions for victims of crime and their family members. One to one sessions will be provided up to a year if required to help them cope with the impact of the crime and recover as far as possible. The service will operate as a pilot initially in the areas of Elmbridge, Runnymede and Woking.

##### 2. Signhealth

To award £29,050 to provide a specialist service in British Sign Language for deaf victims of domestic abuse. The DeafHope outreach worker will work with the client and children to ensure they can better access appropriate services, have reduced levels of victimisation and make safe choices to rebuild their lives and move to independence. Activity will also focus awareness raising and working with statutory services to improve delivery to Deaf victims of abuse.

#### 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 £15,410 to The Counselling Partnership for the provision of fully funded counselling sessions for victims of crime and their family members.

- To award £29,050 to provide a specialist service in British Sign Language for deaf victims of domestic abuse.

Signature:



Date:

19/08/2015

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.