

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Surrey Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme
Decision number: 120/2016
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Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to agree to the release of funding to support the development of a two year Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme in Surrey.

Background:

The Domestic Abuse (DA) Strategy for Surrey 2013-18 encourages both victim and perpetrators to seek help and aims to focus efforts on providing a holistic response to all those affected by domestic abuse including perpetrators. As part of a holistic approach to all those affected by violence the DA strategy includes commitment to deliver programmes for perpetrators focused on re-education (self-referral and agency led referral).

In July 2015 the Community Safety Board (CSB) agreed to the scoping of a Domestic Abuse perpetrator intervention for Surrey and this work has subsequently been taken forward by the DA Perpetrator Working Group. Following a Request for Information (RFI) to confirm interest from as wide a range of providers as possible, the Group are now finalising the service specification with the intention of going out to tender shortly.

The Programme will initially be run as a pilot with outcomes based around ensuring:

- The harm caused by domestic abuse is significantly reduced
- Perpetrators take responsibility for their behaviour and change
- Repeat incidents are reduced and prevented
- Survivors and children feel empowered and supported
- Increased safety and well-being reported by survivor and children

The pilot will need to deliver interventions of a consistent quality. Therefore there is an expectation that the service provider generates appropriate data to measure performance and to provide performance reporting arrangements against the pilot outcomes.

The intention is to run the programme for two years, at a cost of £100,000 per annum. CSB have made £100,000 available to support the pilot and it is proposed that the remaining balance be jointly funded by both Surrey Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, with a contribution of £50,000 each.

With regards to the contribution from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, it is recommended that the required sum be taken from the 2015/16 underspend.

Recommendations:

That:

- I. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey provide £50,000 of funding to support the development of a two year Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme in Surrey.
- II. The sum to be taken from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget underspend for 2015/16.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

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Date: 09/10/2016

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The work has been led by the DA Perpetrator Working Group which consists of representatives of both statutory and third sector agencies with responsibilities for Domestic Abuse. The service specification has been developed in consultation from the outset.

Financial implications

As per the report.

Legal

Not applicable.

Risks

As with any project, the development of a local Perpetrator Programme poses a number of risks. These will be mitigated against through contractual arrangements and agreed governance structures.

Equality and diversity

The intention is to commission a 'person centric' model of delivery to operate within Surrey, one which takes into consideration and focuses on addressing the requirements of individual clients.