

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund – March 2016 applications (additional)

Decision number: 130/2016 Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (CISVA)

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Protective Marking: Part One

1.0 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 2016/17 the PCC was allocated £1,372,554 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.

On 18 March 2016 the Police and Crime Commissioner approved 15 applications for funding. This report provides details of 1 further application that was not available for consideration at that time, but has subsequently been recommended for approval.

2.0 Recommendations:

a) Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

To award **£53,240** to for the provision of a Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (CISVA) to provide a service to all children and young people in Surrey.

(NHS England will be providing £27,000 towards this cost, with the service commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner).

Sexual violence of any kind is a traumatic experience and for children and young people can have dramatic repercussions for the rest of their lives. In addition to group and individual therapy to help their recovery, children, young people and their families need practical support in the aftermath of any incident and through any court proceedings. This can be a stressful experience as it may involve a re-telling of the traumatic incident.

The child ISVA is focused on this practical, supportive role, acting as an independent advocate for the child/young person and providing support for historic and recent allegations. The ISVA works both inside and outside the criminal justice system and the role also includes:

- Pro-actively working with local safeguarding teams to reduce the risk of harm
- Providing face-to-face and telephone support to victims and their families
- Supporting children and young people with coping strategies, relaxation, managing self-harm etc.
- Supporting victims and families through court proceedings
- Working with other agencies and services to ensure that victims' needs are being recognised and met
- Enabling quick access to therapeutic services where necessary
- Training and awareness raising of SARC and preventative work

3.0 Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations of the Victim Fund Panel and agrees to the following:

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendations as detailed in **Section 2.0** of this report.

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Signature:

Date: 23/03/2016

(All decisions must be added to the decision register.)

4.0 Areas of consideration

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

4.4 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.

4.5 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

4.6 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.

4.7 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.