

THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

Title: Counselling for victims of rape and sexual assault (£20,000)

Executive Summary:

Provision of counselling for victims/survivors of rape and sexual assault is a critical element of helping to minimise the impact of the experience and maximise cope and recover opportunities. Counselling provides the opportunity for victims/survivors to talk about their experience in a safe non-judgemental environment and the counsellors' role is to facilitate this process in a way which respects and values individual differences.

The Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Centre (RSACC) receives an average of 350 referrals per year for victims requiring specialist counselling support. At the end of March 2018, there were 181 people on the waiting list for counselling support from RSACC and an average waiting time of six months. Subsequently there is significant pressure on this service.

Additional counselling hours will be grant funded for the financial year 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 with the intention of helping to reduce the current unacceptably long waiting list.

A condition of the grant is that RSACC must provide evidence that they are actively pursuing ways of reducing waiting times without compromising care and support for victims/survivors. It is also expected that reviewing existing referral processes will form part of this, particularly in relation to those referrals that come via health partners such as GPs, CAMHS, etc. who currently do not contribute to the service.

Decision: PCVC to approve grant funding of £20,000 to help reduce waiting lists for counselling and enable RSACC to explore more efficient and effective referral processes and models of delivery.

OPCC Lead Officer: Charles Oakley

Contractor Details (if applicable):

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

This has been considered as part of and is included in the 2018/19 victims services budget, (£20,000).

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Grant arrangements pursuant to the PCVC's commissioning powers set out in s.143 Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Equality and Diversity Implications

No specific equality and diversity implications

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications

Consultation

No specific consultation undertaken

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

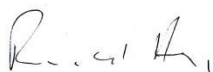
Signed:



Date: 16/10/2018

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



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