

## THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

### DECISION RECORD FORM

#### REQUEST:

**Title: To contribute £4,425 towards practical support for victims of crime**

#### Summary:

In 2016/17 the OPCVC Durham and the OPCC Cleveland each provided £5,000 to Victim Care & Advisory Service (VCAS) to fund target hardening and other reassurance products. These included items such as dummy dome cameras, portable door guardians, personal attack alarms, LED light fittings, Worry Monsters, defender torch/heart, security lights, steel padlocks and similar security items. These items are offered to all victims where the Victim Care Officers feels that it would assist in the victim's recovery. These items would have previously been funded through a grant called the Prisoners' Earning Act Fund, which was incorporated into the Ministry of Justice Victims Grant in 2015/16.

During 2016/17 a total of £8,850 was spent against the Prisoners' Earning Act budget by VCAS, enabling £1,150 to be carried forward to 2017/18. The OPCVC Durham and the OPCC Cleveland have each been asked to contribute £4,425 to top that fund back up to £10,000 for 2017/18.

In 2016/17 the funding was used to help victims cope with the immediate impact of crime and assist them in their subsequent recovery, in the following ways:

- Provide target hardening measures i.e. repairs, window locks, door security etc. to improve security in the home;
- Provide crime prevention devices i.e. personal attack alarms etc. to provide reassurance when outside the home;
- Assist with essential transport and travel costs;
- Cover the costs of translation when supporting victims that have difficulty speaking and understanding English;
- Provide support for young victims of crime, (this may be to purchase items that were needed for them to engage with activities aimed at reducing the risk of repeat victimisation and aiding their recovery);
- Provide therapeutic support / counselling that would not otherwise be available;
- Support emergency accommodation and if necessary assist with some costs towards removals;
- Assist with cleaning premises i.e. following a burglary or an assault in the home; and
- Subsistence to cover costs connected with engagement and support for victims.

The PCVC is recommended to make the contribution to VCAS.

**Decision:** The PCVC has agreed to make a contribution of £4,425 to VCAS towards practical support that helps victims to cope and recover from the impact of crime.

**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)

There is budget provision to make this contribution of £4,425.

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

No specific legal implications

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

Consultations

No specific consultation took place

### OFFICER APPROVAL

#### Chief Executive

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: 16/08/2017

### Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 16/08/2017