

THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval

Title: VCAS Contract Extension April 2018 – March 2020

Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioners for Durham and Cleveland have made clear their commitment to put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system. They jointly chair the Cleveland and Durham Criminal Justice Partnership and each have Victims Strategic Planning Group meetings to improve victims' services.

The PCCs in 2015/16 agreed that due to the changing legislation for victim services, the changing environment for the provision of services and increasing service providers, to tender for a service provider.

Safe in Tees Valley was successful in this process and was selected to provide the Cleveland and Durham Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS). The contract was awarded on 1 April 2016 on a two year basis with the option of extending the contract for a further two years.

The Cleveland Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Durham Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (OPCVC) have reflected on the achievement of VCAS over the initial 18 months of service and have been provided with details of activities that have provided additional benefit/value to the core victim service.

Safe in Tees Valley have provided a proposal to maintain the cost of the contract whilst expanding the current service specification.

Decision: PCCs to approve an extension of the current VCAS contract for a further two years until the 31st March 2020 and consider potential changes to the contract that would develop the service.

OPCC Lead Officer: Alan Reiss

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)

The total cost of the contact per annum is £579,000. The cost of the contract is shared equally between Durham OPCVC (£289,500) and Cleveland OPCC (£289,500) and sufficient funding is available within the MOJ monies to fund this contract.

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

Having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief Executives are satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would or would be likely to give rise to a contravention of the law.

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.

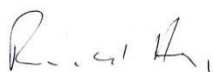
Signed:



Date: 13/12/2017

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 18/12/2017