

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:**

**Title: Harbour, Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Remand Court and Special Domestic Violence Court (SDVC)**

**Executive Summary:**

Harbour, IDVA Remand Court and SDVC (£13,108):

Domestic abuse is a key objective in the refreshed Police, Crime and Victims' Plan 2016-2021. Domestic abuse is also a priority in the Delivering change for victims and witnesses action plan and support for victims in the court setting has been highlighted as an area that needs to be addressed.

There is a formal Service Level Agreement for this pilot. This element of work was considered out of scope in relation to the County Durham Domestic Abuse contract conditions and identified specifically as a police initiated activity. There was a need to move swiftly to retain the service of an IDVA in the specialist courts in Peterlee, as the new contract arrangements came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Subsequently the Head of Governance & Commissioning following consultation with the Chief of Staff advised Harbour that this service should continue.

The initial focus was to base the IDVA in the Special Domestic Violence Court but after discussions with the Court Service, the IDVA was asked to cover the Remand Courts. This cost is to cover the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Further discussions are required to consider this project in 2017/18.

**Decision:** The PCVC has agreed to grant fund £13,108 in order to deliver the above programme with the aim of supporting victims and the vulnerable, as set out in the Police Crime and Victims' Plan.

**OPCC Lead Officer: Charles Oakley**

**Contractor Details (if applicable): n/a**

**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"/>	

**(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 is within the MOJ Victims monies budget.

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.

### 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: 31/10/2016

#### Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 31/10/2016