

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

Title: Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (RSACC) Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) ISVA Training Courses for Volunteers, Victim Engagement/Consultation

Executive Summary:

RSACC, ISVA, ISVA Training Courses for Volunteers, Victim Engagement/Consultation Programme (£20,000): There is a formal SLA in place for these activities. RSACC has recently sponsored one of their Counsellors to undertake ISVA training, but funding has yet to be secured to enable the introduction of this service.

The proposal is to enhance the existing counselling service by increasing the level of ISVA availability to support and advise victims of sexual violence. RSACC has a policy of building capacity through the support and development of a highly trained volunteer network. This proposal seeks to build on these strengths by funding the existing trained ISVA to deliver this support for one day per week and enable five volunteers to achieve the ISVA qualification.

This is positive development and it would be an appropriate use of victims' monies to help enable an ISVA service within the only rape crisis centre in the force area for the remainder of this financial year.

Addressing the incidence and impact of sexual violence in all its forms is a key objective in the refreshed Police, Crime and Victims' Plan 2016-2021. Support for victims of rape and sexual assault is also a priority in the delivering change for victims and witnesses plan. This work is intended to provide additional support and enhance choice for victims.

Decision The PCVC has agreed to grant fund £20,000 in order to deliver the above programme.

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 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: 01/09/2016

Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner:

Signed:



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