

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

Title: To award a contract for an advocacy service for victims of crime with mental health needs.

Executive Summary:

National and local research has identified the obstacles often faced by victims with mental health needs when attempting to navigate the processes involved in coping with the immediate aftermath of a crime, long term recovery and engagement with Criminal Justice System processes.

This advocacy service will focus on early access to independent advocacy, specifically for people with mental health needs, who become victims of crime. This support will assist the victim at key decision-making points during their journey across the criminal justice system.

The PCVC is supporting a new advocacy service which is not intended to replace existing services, but will enhance support to those with mental health issues.

Decision:

A procurement process has been completed and the PCVC has awarded this service to Advocacy Centre North.

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: 31/10/2016

Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 31/10/2016

