



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

<b>REQUEST:</b> For PCC approval.			
<b>Title:</b> Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) 12 month contract extension 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021			
<b>Executive Summary:</b> The Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) commenced on 1 April 2016 (Decision Reference 101-2015 refers) following a joint commissioning exercise with Durham Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).  Delivered by Safe in Tees Valley, the latest performance information between 1 April 2019 – 31 December 2019 shows that across Cleveland, 1070 victims received a full victim’s needs assessment to understand support requirements following their victimisation, whilst many more received telephone advice and support.  The current contractual arrangements with Safe in Tees Valley come to an end on 31 March 2020 and the Commissioners in both Cleveland and Durham intend to make an extension of twelve months.  The rationale for this is to:  1) Retain a quality service and to ensure continuity of service provision throughout the PCC election period, ensuring the incoming Commissioners (post May 2020) are not committed to a long term contractual arrangement for victim services. The risk of re-procuring this service for a short period of time may result in limited interest from the market.  2) Enable pilot work to take place to inform a future service model based on work completed over recent months in relation to the victim’s journey throughout the Criminal Justice System.			
<b>Decision:</b> To approve a 12 month extension to the Victim Care and Advice Service Contract from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 up to the value of £364,500 for the Cleveland area.			
<b>OPCC Lead Officer:</b> Rachelle Kipling			
<b>Contractor Details (if applicable):</b> Safe in Tees Valley			
<b>Implications:</b>			
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"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The funding to support this extension to contract is provided for within the financial plans of the PCC and I am happy that the proposal to extend the contract via an exemption is appropriate at this time.

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

A request for an exemption to standing orders have been completed and approved as per the Contract Standing Orders.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The VCAS service is available to provide support to all victims of crime should they wish within Cleveland area, this includes referring onto more specialist services if required.

Human Rights Implications

None apply.

Sustainability Implications

Funding for a Victim Referral Service is grant funded to PCCs from the Ministry of Justice on an annual basis

Risk Management Implications

If the 12 month extension is not approved there is a risk of having to re-procure the service with a short contract length. This could limit interest from the market and potential bidders.

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Monitoring Officer**


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 12/2/20

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed 

Date 13/2/20