



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:**

To approve funding for a Domestic Abuse Officer as part of the Operation Encompass Project

**Title:**

Operation Encompass - Domestic Abuse Officer

**Executive Summary:**

Operation Encompass is a multi-agency approach to give early notification to schools that a child or young person has been present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident. Nominated key adults within schools, initially in the Hartlepool area (and Cleveland wide in within the next 12 months) will receive information from Cleveland Police to afford them the opportunity of assessing the needs of the child during the school day and, should it be deemed appropriate to do so, to provide early support.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has previously provided funding (via the Ministry of Justice Competed Fund) to Safe in Tees Valley for the employment of a Operation Encompass Project Manager to establish the project in Hartlepool. It was further agreed that funding would be provided during 2015/16 for this post for a further 12 months to enable roll out across the whole of the Cleveland area.

In order for this project to be a success it is necessary for a Domestic Abuse Project Officer to be employed (via Safe in Tees Valley) to enable the reviewing of recorded domestic abuse incidents and identifying those incidents that meet the criteria for Operation Encompass. If children are involved/present they will then, at the earliest opportunity, contact a key adult in the school at which that child attends and provide them with information surrounding the domestic abuse incident and record that they have done so.

**Decision:**

To agree the funding of a Domestic Abuse Officer (Operation Encompass) for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 at a cost of £25,675.52.

**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)

Funding is available in the 2015/16 budget to support this post.

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

None arise

Equality and Diversity Implications

None arise

Human Rights Implications

School staff have been fully trained around the Operation Encompass Project and information will only be shared to safeguard and protect young people.

Sustainability Implications

This project is closely linked to the development of Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH) which Cleveland Police are developing over the next 12-18 months. Operation Encompass will become a part of the MASH once developed.

Risk Management Implications

None arise

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



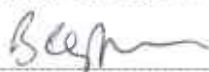
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**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS / DOES NOT HAVE my approval.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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