



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) Extension 2021-2022

Executive Summary:
 The Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in both Cleveland and Durham would like to make an extension of twelve months, to the existing Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) Contract delivered by Safer Communities.

The VCAS contract was extended previously to March 2021 with the genuinely justifiable reason being to ensure continuity of service provision throughout the PCC election period, ensuring the incoming PCC (post May 2020) is not committed to a long-term contractual arrangement for victims' services. The risk of re-procuring this service for a short period of time may result in limited interest from the market.

As a result of the national pandemic the PCC elections were postponed for 12 months to May 2021. In support of this and due to the uncertainty across the market this exemption is to further extend the service for 12 months to March 2022.

It is Cleveland's intention to re-commission a Victim Referral Service post March 22, in support of this the Cleveland OPCC has procured a partner to undertake a Victim Needs Assessment. This will review the current model delivered by VCAS and help inform what a model should look like post March 2022.

Decision:
To further extend the Victim Care and Advice Service Contract for 12 months from 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Safer Communities

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 Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The funding to support this contract extension is included within the 2021/22 budget and therefore affordable to the PCC.

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

The contract extension will be granted under the existing terms and conditions in place.

Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity implications.

Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights implications.

Sustainability Implications

There are no sustainability implications.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risk implications.

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 19/03/2021

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 19/03/2021

