



Decision Reference: 2022-0014

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval

Title: Male Rape Support Fund 2022/23

Executive Summary:

During 2021/22 following an application submission to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Male Rape Support Fund, £32,227 was awarded for a 12-month period (1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022) to work with vulnerable young boys and men across the Cleveland area. This funding was awarded to Barnardo's Tees Valley under DRF 2021-OPCC-000124.

The funding enabled Barnardo's Tees Valley to support schools to get to a position where they would be responding appropriately to concerning sexual behaviours particularly from boys. The focus of the work was to minimise the escalation of concerning sexual behaviours and support teaching staff to confidently handle safeguarding incidents through a trauma informed lens.

At the same time funding was used to provide a safe environment, in which boys and young men could identify their support needs and access help. Through a combination of activities, immediate specialist support could be offered including one-to-one therapy.

This pilot was evaluated and provided some really strong learning points for the future including the need for the response to harmful sexual behaviour within the school context requiring significant further input to ensure that appropriate safeguarding and care is in place.

In August 2022, the MoJ confirmed with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that funding from the Male Rape Support Fund would be available in Cleveland for 2022/23. Despite the project ending in March 2022 and following discussion with Barnardo's Tees Valley they were able to quickly mobilise the project and build on the previous pilot.

Decision:

To award Barnardo's Tees Valley £32,227 to deliver a school-based programme to address concerning sexualised behaviours during August 2022 – March 2023.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Barnardo's Tees Valley

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 PCC has received confirmation that the funding to support this proposal has been awarded in 2022/23 and such this proposal is affordable.

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

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

This project specifically focuses on vulnerable young men and boys only as a result of the funding be awarded through the male rape support fund. A broader holistic funding package has been awarded to PCCs for further community support for all victims of sexual violence.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Funding is in place until March 2023 – Barnardo's Tees Valley will seek opportunities for longer term delivery. The OPCC is also awaiting an update from MoJ as to whether this funding will be extended in line with other funding streams to March 2025.

Risk Management Implications:

None arising

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 18/10/2022

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 20/10/2022