



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval

Title: Core Victims Funding Uplift 2022/23

Executive Summary:

In August 2022, the Ministry of Justice agreed to an uplift of £6m to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) 'core' funding for 2022/23 to commission local victim support services.

The additional £6m has been allocated across the 42 PCC areas using the same population formula used for the current 'core' funding, based on 2020 ONS data. For Cleveland this means an additional **£57,244.20**.

Working with our locally commissioned victim referral service (Safer Communities Limited, Victim Care and Advice Service) we propose to spend this additional allocation as below between 1 September 2022 – 31 March 2023:

- **£31,784** for the introduction of a Fraud Victim Advocate that will develop effective processes to help support victims of fraud recover their financial losses in cases there they would not have been able to do so without Safer Communities VCAS support.
- **£25,460** for the development of a youth focussed offer within Safer Communities VCAS to understand young victims experience and understand what they want and need from a victim support service.

The Ministry of Justice have yet to confirm whether this funding will be available in future years, regardless of this and to support future planning both additions as described above will be evaluated to evidence impact.

Decision:

To approve the additional funding of £57,244.20 be paid to Safer Communities Limited for the introduction of a Fraud Victim Advocate and a specific youth focussed offer of support for young people.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling / Tracey Brittain

Contractor Details (if applicable): Safer Communities Limited

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 proposed expenditure within this decision is fully funded from additional grant funding that has been confirmed. The proposed expenditure is therefore affordable.

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

A contract variation will be made to the existing contract in place with Safer Communities.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The development of a specific youth offer that enhances our understanding of young people's experiences will enable greater support to be provided and needs being met.

Human Rights Implications:

Not applicable

Sustainability Implications:

Funding has initially been provided by the Ministry of Justice until 31 March 2023. Funding after this time is subject to confirmation. Regardless, both projects will undergo evaluation.

Risk Management Implications:

N/A

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 24/11/2022

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 30/11/2022