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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2023-045 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | Cautioning and Relationship Abuse (CARA) Funding 2023/24 and 2024/25 |
| Summary | The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide grant funding to South Wales Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to co-commission a CARA service pilot for the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25. |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions, so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims. |
| 2. | In order to fulfil my commitment to combat serious crime under the Police and Crime Plan, I have allocated an amount of £75,000 for year 1 and £50,000 for year 2 to contribute to the commissioning of a CARA service with South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner for the Gwent and South Wales Police Force Areas.  CARA sits within the Criminal Justice system as an early intervention targeting domestic abuse offenders meeting specific criteria to be issued with a conditional caution. CARA is a domestic abuse awareness raising intervention consisting of 2 workshops held 4 weeks apart that supports offenders to make better behaviour choices in their relationships. CARA also promotes the safety of offenders’ family through a linked victim contact service offering safeguarding and support.  The requirements for the service have been advertised and bids have been submitted and evaluated. The successful bidder was Phoenix DAS delivering the provision under license in Gwent Police Force area from November 2023. Hampton Trust developed CARA and are supporting the delivery partners in setting up the service and the ongoing running of it. The Service is funded by the Home Office for an initial two-year pilot with a contribution from Welsh Government. |
| 3. | The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement provided by South Wales Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.  As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report, which will require the following information to be provided:   * Project Activity; * Project Outputs; * Project Outcomes; * Breakdown of financial expenditure; * Risks; and * Learning.   Where the review panel recommended additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.  Successful applicants are required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation. |

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| **Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** | |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper | |
| Signed | Date  22.03.2024 |

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