


Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2017-035	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2017/18 – Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) for Cyfannol.
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide allocated grant funding to Cyfannol for the financial year 2017/18 for Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) support services to victims.

DECISION

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 commissioning services for victims.
2. In January 2017, Cyfannol informed my office that the Home Office funding stream for ISVA services across England and Wales was to cease from March 31st 2017. And that without the £20,000 funding, the service would terminate.

During 2016 - 2017 Cyfannol ISVA service supported 99 adult victims of sexual abuse and violence. The victims that they supported are those that have suffered historical abuse (classed as more than 12 months prior to reporting) and the ISVA provided those with emotional and practical support and advice which assisted them to overcome the emotional trauma that the abuse had caused. Often this support will extend to criminal justice and child protection advice and guidance.
3. In light of the information above, I have considered the requirements under the Acts and the priorities within my Police and Crime Plan and I have decided to fund Cyfannol £20,000 for 2017-18.

As a result of this funding, alongside other funding support I provide to this work, I will undertake a scale and prevalence review of all sexual abuse, violence and exploitation (SAVE) services within Gwent to ensure a sustainable commissioning model and framework for SAVE service throughout 2018-2019 and beyond.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed 	Date 13/9/17

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Background papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOJ Grant Agreement dated 1st April 2016 • Cyfannol Application for on-going funding • New Pathways request for additional funding • PCCG-2017-019 Grant Funding Allocation 2017/18-Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse Services (Cyfannol Women's Aid and New Pathways) • PCCG-2017-023 New Pathways Service Funding 2017/18