

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2020-024	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding to New Pathways for additional Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) in 2020/21.
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to New Pathways to employ an additional ISVA in Gwent for period 1 st July 2020 – 31 st March 2021.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) 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. Decision Log PCCG2020-004 details the core allocation of funding to New Pathways for continued delivery of sexual violence services in Gwent, as well as, allocation of the initial additional ISVA funding of £85,508 secured from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ). Decision Log PCCG-2020-020 records my decision to award £39,354 of Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding, secured by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) from the MOJ, to New Pathways to meet additional costs incurred as a result of the pandemic.

More recently the MOJ have provided the OPCC with further additional funding for ISVA provision. This was originally requested in our Expression of Interest to the MOJ for additional ISVA funding but was not awarded due to limited funding available.

The additional £30,534 secured from the MOJ for the period 1st July 2020-31st March 2021 to New Pathways will be for a Community ISVA.


This brings the total amount of funding awarded to New Pathways in 2020/21 for sexual violence services to £385,901.
3. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement 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 proportional, have been linked to the release of funding.

Successful organisations will be 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. Payment of grants is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed 	Date 07.08.20
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Background papers	MOJ / OPCC Grant Agreement dated 1 st April 2020 Gwent OPCC Expression of Interest to MOJ for additional ISVA Funding OPCC / New Pathways Grant Agreement for financial year 20/21.