

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2016-041	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2016/ 17 – Child Sexual Exploitation Services
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide allocated grant funding to partnership organisations for the financial year 2016/17 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 Act (2014) which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.

2.

In January 2016 we were informed that an additional amount of £47k, based on population formula, was being distributed to Commissioners, as an element of Ministry of Justice (MOJ) funding (£4.7m nationally), to provide further support to victims of crime in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse. The MOJ Grant Agreement, dated 1st April 2016, applies and is attached at Annex A.

The previous allocation of this grant (for the 15/16 financial year) was administered by the Norfolk Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and was distributed on a bid application basis to support victims and survivors of child sexual abuse specifically.

One organisation in Gwent, Cyfannol Women's Aid, were a recipient of £77k as part of this allocation which they used to set up their service and employ two paid members, one full time Counselling Service Manager and one part time Counsellor. They have asked us to consider their application to receive this funding to support the continuation of their programme (Annex B provides further information).

Existing service provision identifies another organisation that provides similar services to CSE victims in Gwent, namely New Pathways.

New Pathways is an organisation which works across Wales and are identified as sexual abuse support specialists. They currently receive funding from Gwent OPCC of £92k to deliver their services, from within the base grant allocation of MoJ Victims Services monies of £638k

It also received an element of the Norfolk funding in 2015/16 but this was accessed via the South Wales OPCC. Annex C provides further information about the New Pathways request for their use of the additional funding, which identifies an extension of the programme currently provided by the use of the £92k.

Following OPCC staff discussion with the Lead officers of both organisations, it was identified that there is a current and future anticipated need for this service and currently the waiting list for victims is significant. The allocation of funding needs to consider the impact on these service delivery requirements if victims are to be fully supported in a timely way.

The allocation of funding to Cyfannol would allow them to retain a service which has a current client list, whilst the withdrawal of funding would impact clients now and into the future.

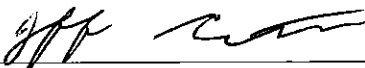
New Pathways are seeking to enhance their service further to meet the requirements of the clients identified through an extensive victim support service. They again identify a requirement to expand services in this arena to fill an identified gap. Whilst the current Gwent OPCC provision to the organisation is providing good service, it could be improved if the additional sum of £47k was made available.

3. I have considered the requirements under the Act, the current service provision landscape in Gwent and assessed the applications' impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will provide an additional £47k to New Pathways and allocate £47k to Cyfannol to enable them to provide victim support services to victims of CSE in the Gwent area. This total request of £94k will be funded as follows, £47k from the additional funding allocation from MoJ; and £47k from my Commissioning Fund.

Each of these organisations will need to provide such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan. By funding both organisations non-recurrently for 2016/17 I will be able to assess the most effective service delivery model.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

My decision is as I have recorded in this paper

Signed 

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