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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision**  |
| PCCG-2024-008 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | Grant Funding Allocation 2024/25 for Sexual Violence Services |
| Summary | To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to New Pathways and Cyfannol Women’s Aid for 3 months (1st April – 30th June 2024) due to a delay in the new service contract. This will ensure the continuation of their services in support of victims of sexual violence offences in Gwent. . |

 **DECISION**

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| 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. | Each PCC receives an annual Victims Support Services Grant (VSSG) from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), to contribute to delivery of victims’ services in the area - sexual violence services can be funded by this grant. I have also been successful in securing additional funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) and for the provision of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services in Gwent. New Pathways is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services, including management of the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Cyfannol Women’s Aid provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services across Gwent. Both organisations are currently funded as a result of proposals submitted in 2022/23 (PCCG-2022-040). This service has been re-commissioned during 2023/24 with a planned start date of 1st April 2024, however due to contract delays of 3 months (initially 1-month PCCG-2023-044), the start date will now be 1st July. A recommendation to continue funding for both Cyfannol Women’s Aid and New Pathways for this extended period has been made by the Commissioning Team and the wider Commissioning Working Group. |
| . | In order to fulfil my commitments in relation to victims of sexual violence, I have considered the requirements under the Act; the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan; as well as the recommendations of the Commissioning Team and have allocated the following funding.An amount of £97,472.18to New Pathways to contribute to the delivery of Sexual Violence Services for the period 1st April – 30th June 2024, including the following services:* Core ISVA services;
* Additional ISVAs - Children and Young People ISVA; Mental Health ISVA and Community ISVA; and
* Male ISVA.

The funding will also contribute to training services, finance services, supervision, management and administration costs.I have also agreed to fund the counselling provision for New Pathways for the period 1st April – 30th June 2024 at cost of £34,856.60, this will be administered through NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee. It is my expectation the future provision of counselling services for victims of sexual violence, currently delivered by New Pathways, will be funded, and delivered through Health from 1st July 2024. However, I will provide additional funding of £82,976 to Cyfannol for 2024/25 only to deliver their counselling service at which point provision will also pass to Health. The source of this funding is my core budget and MOJ Victim Services Grant An additional amount of £42,490 is provided by Gwent Police to New Pathways for SARC services and will be awarded via the OPCC Grant Agreement. This will continue for the financial year 2024/25.An amount of £24,732.26 to Cyfannol Women’s Aid to contribute to the delivery of their Horizon Support Services for the 1st April – 30th June 2024 which includes:* ISVA services.

The funding will also contribute to management and administration costs.The source of this funding is my core budget.  |
| 5. | 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.

Applicant 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. |
| **Mrs Jane Mudd, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper |
| Signed  | Date24.07.2024 |
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