

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2017-018	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2017/18 – Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse Services
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide allocated grant funding to partnership organisations 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, I was informed that £47,284 was being distributed to each Commissioner, as an element of Ministry of Justice (MOJ) funding would continue to be provided in 2017/18 to support victims of crime in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse (CSA/CSA).

For the 2016/17 financial year, Cyfannol Women's Aid were a recipient of £47,000, funded partly from the 2016/17 allocation of the MoJ funding highlighted above. They used this to set up their service and employ two paid members of staff - one full time Counselling Service Manager and one part time Counsellor. In November 2016, Cyfannol informed the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (OPCC) that there would be a £17,000 underspend by March 2017. Therefore, it was agreed that the £17,000 would be carried forward and spent by October 2017, to address their waiting list for this service. It was agreed that Cyfannol will provide additional evidence in October 2017 to illustrate how the £17,000 underspend carried forward into the 2017/18 financial year has addressed the waiting list.

Based on receipt of funding in 2016/17, Cyfannol Women's Aid have asked the OPCC to consider their application to receive further funding to support the continuation of their programme during 2017/18.

In addition, during the 2016/17 financial year, New Pathways sought to enhance their service further to meet the requirements of their clients, identified through an extensive victim support service. Whilst the existing Gwent OPCC provision to the organisation (via Connect Gwent) was providing a good service, it could be improved if the additional sum of £47,000 was made available. Therefore, the OPCC provided £47,000, which

was fully funded from the 2016/17 MOJ funding highlighted above. This funded a full-time Children and Young Person's Counsellor, a part-time Clinical Assessor and Clinical Supervision. This funding reduced the waiting list significantly for children and young people.

Based on receipt of funding in 2016/17, New Pathways have also asked the OPCC to consider their application to receive further funding to support the continuation of their programme during 2017/18.

3. Cyfannol and New Pathways have both submitted comprehensive reports against their delivery for victims and survivors during 2016/17 and proposals for 2017/18 (see Annex B). I have considered my legal requirements, 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 Cyfannol with £47,000 to enable them to provide victim support services to adult victims of CSE in the Gwent area (this is in addition to the stated £17,000 underspend carried forward). In addition £56,761 will be provided to New Pathways to continue their counselling services for children and young people.

This total request of £103,761.00 will be funded as follows:

- £47,284 from the 2017/18 funding allocation from MoJ; and
- £56,477 from my Commissioning Fund.

Cyfannol will receive £47,000 in total: £23,500 from MoJ and £23,500 from my Commissioning fund.


New Pathways will receive £56,761: £23,784 from MoJ and £32,977 from my Commissioning fund.

Each of these organisations will need to provide me with 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 2017-2021. By funding both organisations non-recurrently for 2017/18, 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



Date

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