

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2021-024	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) Decision
Subject	OPCC Commissioning Fund: Drop-in Centre for Vulnerable Women via Cyfannol Women's Aid 2021/22
	<p>To record the decision to provide a grant from the Commissioning Fund to provide funding to Cyfannol Women's Aid for the delivery of a Drop-In Centre which aims to provide support to vulnerable women and victims of sexual exploitation in Gwent.</p> <p>The funding award period will run for 2 years from 1st December 2021 to 30th November 2023.</p>

DECISION

1. The purpose of the funding is to enable adults and young people and their supporting family members who have experienced sexual abuse, sexual violence or sexual exploitation to cope with the trauma experienced and recover as fully as they are able. Services provided through this funding will enable service users to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased feelings of safety;
- Improved health and wellbeing;
- Better able to cope with aspects of everyday life;
- Better informed and empowered to act on information; and
- Build reliable and adequate access to self-esteem commodities.

The objectives of the project are:

- To respond to violence against adults who are sexually exploited; implement preventions and gather policing intelligence;
- To provide a safe place where sexually exploited adults may feel safe, socialise and strengthen as a group;
- To provide engagement opportunities with police and the community, enabling them the opportunity to also provide feedback on their experiences;
- To provide sexual health and other health care needs/support; and
- To provide the support necessary to exit exploitation through legal advocacy and counselling pathways.

Women who are experiencing exploitation on the streets of Newport have very few safe spaces available to them. Cyfannol Women's Aid will create a drop-in

session at their Newport office, initially once a week but with the long-term goal of increasing access. This service will meet a range of practical and emotional needs, whilst also being a safe environment where women can engage with Gwent Police.

The funding requested is for essential renovation work and ongoing access to services and necessities, in order to create an appropriate space for the women to have the ability to access:

- Shower facilities;
- Laundry;
- IT equipment to access online services including Department of Work and Pensions (DWP);
- A safe space to access sexual health, substance misuse provision, support and advice, including counselling and therapies with partner agencies;
- Basic necessities including food, clothes, and dignity items funded through donations and general fundraising; and
- Wider Cyfannol Women's Aid provision including safe accommodation and housing.

2. The OPCC will provide financial support to Cyfannol Women's Aid to renovate the facilities and deliver services within the Drop In Centre. The amount awarded from the Commissioning Fund will be **£20,000** and the award will be for a period of 2 years

The funding will be issued from the 2021/22 Commissioning Fund budget and will be paid in advance. However, there will be a requirement on Cyfannol Women's Aid to report on the project on a six-monthly basis for the two-year period via Monitoring Reports, Expenditure Reports and Service Delivery Reports which will also be reviewed by Gwent Police's Public Protection Unit, in liaison with the OPCC. This will ensure that the funding awarded is being used for its intended purpose.

3. The arrangements for the 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, grant recipients are required to complete half-yearly service delivery and monitoring reports, which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;

- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risk; and
- Learning.

Where additional conditions, over and above the standard terms and conditions, have been recommended 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. Where appropriate and proportional, these have been linked to the release of funding.

Successful applicants 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 prior to any funding being released.

Jeff Cuthbert B.Sc., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed



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Background papers	Grant Proposal documentation