

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2017-023	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	New Pathways Service Funding 2017 / 18
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide additional funding to New Pathways to ensure the continuation of their services in support of victims of sexual offences in Gwent.

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. New Pathways is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services, via Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) who offer counselling, support to witnesses and management of the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Specialist provision is also available for children who are victims of sexual abuse. To support this service, Gwent Police provide £45,000 per annum to support the SARC, whilst I provide £92,000 per annum to fund staffing costs.

In addition, £47,000 and £56,761 has been awarded to New Pathways in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years respectively; specifically for Child Sexual Exploitation support services to victims as per my decision logs PCCG-2016-041 and PCCG-2017-019.

During the 2016/17 financial year they have identified a recurrent funding shortfall of £10,000, which will negatively impact on their ability to provide ISVA and SARC support in the Gwent area. This situation is compounded by a withdrawal of £20,000 of Home Office funding in the 2017/18 financial period. As such, New Pathways have an identified funding shortfall of £30,000 going forward related to the service provision in Gwent.
3. I have considered the requirements under the Act, the current service provision landscape in Gwent and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will provide the funding shortfall of £30,000 to New Pathways for the 2017/18 financial year only, so that their capacity to provide services are not adversely affected.

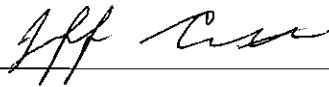
The organisations will need to provide me with a reassurance that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan.

Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCI PD, 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



Date

22/5/17

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