

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2019-20	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2019/20 – 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 to ensure the continuation of their services in support of victims of sexual offences in Gwent.

DECISION

- The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) 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.
- During 2017/18 I commissioned, with the support of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Partnership Board and Safeguarding Board, a review of sexual abuse, violence and exploitation in Gwent.

The requirements under the Act and the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan have been considered, as well as, the considerations outlined by the review. As result, for 2019/20 I have maintained 2018/19 funding levels for sexual violence services and invited services funded in 2018/19 to submit proposals for continuation funding of current services for 2019/20, whilst a robust tendering process, in line with the Manual of Governance, is carried out to secure future delivery of sexual violence services in Gwent from April 2020.

The organisations invited to submit proposals were New Pathways and Cyfannol Women's Aid. New Pathways is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services, including management of the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Specialist provision is also available for children who are victims of sexual abuse. Cyfannol Women's Aid provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services across Gwent. Both organisation provide services via Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) and counselling.

3. Both organisations submitted proposals to continue the delivery of sexual violence services in 2019/20. A Review Panel was convened by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (OPCC), made up from representatives of the OPCC, Gwent Police and the VAWDASV Partnership to consider the proposals received. The Review Panel assessed the proposals against criteria outlined in the Sexual Violence Services Guidance and made recommendations in relation to the applications.

The Review Panel's recommendations were considered by a Decision Panel made up of representatives from the OPCC and Gwent Police held on 19th March 2019. The total amount awarded is £299,605.

4. A summary of the services provided by the grant allocated are detailed below.

New Pathways – Total grant allocation for 2019/20 of £230,505

New Pathway's allocation will contribute to delivering the following services:

- SARC services
- ISVA services
- Children's Therapy
- Adult Counselling

The funding will also contribute to training services, finance services, supervision, management and administration costs.

Cyfannol Women's Aid – Total grant allocation for 2019/20 of £69,101

Cyfannol's allocation will contribute to delivering their Horizon Support Services which include:

- Adult Counselling
- ISVA services

The funding will also contribute to management and administration costs.

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

• Learning

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

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.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

My decision is as I have recorded in this paper

Signed



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Background papers

MOJ Grant Agreement dated 1st April 2018
Sexual Violence Grant Fund Guidance 19/20
New Pathways proposal for 2019/20
Cyfannol proposal for 19/20

