

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2020-003	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2020/21 to Cyfannol Women's Aid for Sexual Violence Services
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to Cyfannol Women's Aid 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 (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.

For 2020/21, I have maintained 2019/20 funding levels for sexual violence services and invited services funded in 2019/20 to submit proposals for continuation funding of current services for one year from 1st April 2020.

Cyfannol Women's Aid was one of the organisations invited to submit a proposal. Cyfannol Women's Aid provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services across Gwent.
3.

Cyfannol Women's Aid submitted a proposal to continue the delivery of sexual violence services in 2020/21. A Review Panel was convened by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (OPCC) to consider the proposals received, which included representatives of the OPCC and Gwent Police. The Review Panel assessed the proposal against criteria outlined in the Sexual Violence Services Grant Fund Guidance 2020/21 and made recommendations in relation to the application.

4. In order to fulfil on 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 Review Panel and have allocated an amount of £69,010 to Cyfannol Women's Aid to contribute to the delivery of their Horizon Support Services which include:

- Adult Counselling; and
- Independent Sexual Violence Advisors services.

The funding will also contribute to management and administration costs.

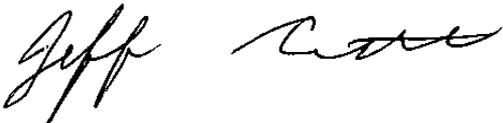
5. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

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; and
- 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	
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