

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2020-009	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Service Funding 2020-21
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide grant funding to Newport City Council to contribute to the provision of the IDVA service for the financial year 2020/21.

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.
2.

In 2016/17, I created a Safer Gwent Fund linked to Safer Gwent, the regional Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Since the creation of this Fund, the IDVA service has received funding via this mechanism.

Since the introduction of Public Service Boards the purpose of Safer Gwent is under review, with any new business halted until this piece of work is concluded. As such, I have decided to uncouple the Safer Gwent Fund from Safer Gwent and the new arrangements for contributing to local community safety provision and youth offending have been outlined in decision log PCCG-2020-005. In line with this decision, the arrangements for IDVA provision have also been reviewed and going forward, requirements and funding for IDVA provision will be made alongside other commissioned victims services.

In order to fulfil on my commitment to victims of crime, I have considered the requirements under the Act as well as the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan and have allocated an amount of £156,363 to contribute to the delivery of the IDVA service in 2020/21. This is allocated with the intention of working with Newport City Council to plan and agree longer terms and more sustainable commissioning and funding arrangements for the IDVA service.

Newport City Council who currently leads on coordinating the delivery of the service have provided a proposal for delivery in 2020/21. A Review Panel was convened by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for

Gwent (OPCC) to consider the proposal and I have accepted their recommendation to award the full allocation of £156,363 to Newport City Council for delivery of the IDVA Service in 2020/21.

3.

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 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.

Successful applicants are 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.

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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