Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2016-001	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Police Commissioner's Community Safety Fund – Get Safe Online
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the allocation of funding from the Community Safety Fund to support the purchase of 'Get Safe Online' which will provide a real and significant mechanism to prevent and reduce cyber-crime and fraud at all levels of society 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.

2. Cyber-crime according to a Government study in 2015 is estimated to cost the UK economy £27 billion, £21 billion of which is lost by businesses. Cyber-crime includes illegal activities undertaken by criminals for financial gain. Such activities exploit vulnerabilities in the use of the internet and other electronic systems to illicitly access or attack information and services used by citizens, businesses and the Government. Crimes typically include :

   • identity theft and online scams affecting UK citizens;

   • IP theft, espionage and extortion targeted at UK businesses; and

   • fiscal fraud committed against the Government.

   • cyber terrorism or cyber warfare

3. A gap in protecting communities throughout Gwent in relation to cyber-crime has recently been identified.

   'Get Safe Online' is a public/private sector partnership supported by Central Government as well as leading organisations in banking, retail, internet security and other sectors.

   The organisation has a website (https://www.getsafeonline.org/) providing

practical advice on how to protect yourself, your computer and mobile devices and your business against fraud, identity theft, viruses and many other problems encountered online. It also contains guidance on many other related subjects too – including performing backups and how to avoid theft or loss of your computer, smartphone or tablet.

Get Safe Online also organises national events such as Get Safe Online week, and works closely with law enforcement agencies and other bodies in support of their outreach activity, internal awareness and customer online safety.

It also has a full package of resources which can be purchased that also enables pop-up road shows to be set up around the country. A large number of forces including South Wales and Dyfed Powys have recently purchased this full package, recognising the need to do more in the community to prevent and raise awareness of cyber-crime.
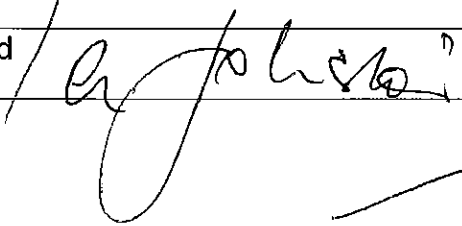
4.	By signing with Get Safe Online the concerns and aims of the Force and the commitment of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Old Persons Charter, especially as older persons appear to be the most at risk to this crime type, will be addressed.
5.	The purchase of the full package of resources will allow for a more co-ordinated approach with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, Connect Gwent and Victim Support and will play an important role in providing a quality service to protect the community and the most vulnerable.
6.	I have therefore agreed to purchase the full package of resources to the value of £10,000, in order to protect the communities in Gwent.

Ian Johnston QPM, 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.

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Background papers	https://www.getsafeonline.org/