DECISION NO: PCCG-2014-003

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

TITLE: Substance Misuse Community Prescribing Service

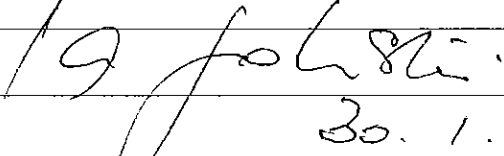**DATE:** 24 December 2013

TIMING: A response is required by 30 January 2014

PURPOSE: For decision

1.	**RECOMMENDATION** The purpose of this report is to seek approval for funding for a further twelve months for substance misuse community prescribing service provision.
2.	**INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND** In 2009 Torfaen County Borough Council on behalf of the Gwent Drug Interventions Programme and the Community Safety Partnerships of Blaenau-Gwent, Caerphilly, Torfaen & Monmouthshire awarded a three year contract with an option to extend for a further two years (subject to performance) for substance misuse community prescribing services to Kaleidoscope. The contract commenced on 1 April 2010 and is available for use by Gwent Police who is a member of the community safety partnership. In November 2012 the budget for the Drug Interventions Programme were transferred to the Commissioner along with responsibility for 3 staff members to commission the service.
3.	**ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION** Torfaen County Borough Council is in the process of extending the contract for the final year, 1 April 2014 until 31 March 2015 and has been informed of the Commissioner's intention to utilise the contract during the extension period once funding has been approved.
4.	**NEXT STEPS** On approval of the funding, Torfaen County Borough Council will be informed of our continued requirements during 2014 – 2015.
5.	**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS** The value of the contract from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 will be £210, 000. Following negotiations with Kaleidoscope an annual cost saving of £10,000 has been achieved. The value of the contract from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 for the service provision will be £200,000.
6.	**PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS** There are no personnel implications.

	LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
	This report has been submitted in line with the EU Directives and the Manual of Governance.
8.	**EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS** This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group. Consideration has been given to the requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.
9.	**RISK** Failure to award the extension to Kaleidoscope would leave service users vulnerable which may lead to re-offending. Generic services within Gwent are running at capacity therefore no provision would be available to take on DIP clients.
10.	**PUBLIC INTEREST** Following approval of this report by the OPCC, this document will be made available to the Public.
11.	**CONTACT OFFICER** Paula Corfield, Interim Head of Procurement and Lyn Webber, DIP Manager.
12.	**ANNEXES** None

Consultation:	Tick to confirm (if applicable)
Financial The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
OPCC *(insert name)* The Chief Executive has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Equalities The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A

Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive:

I have been consulted about the proposal and can confirm that financial, legal, equalities etc... advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.

Signature:

S A Boss

Date: 16/01/14

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:

Date: 30. 1. 14