

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2017-044	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Women's Diversion Scheme – Gwent Contract Extension
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to extend the funding for the Women's Diversion Scheme for a further 6 months until 30 th September 2018.

DECISION

1. The Women's Triage/Diversion is an integral part of the whole system approach (WSA) being delivered across Wales in relation to the Women's Pathfinder Initiative.
2. A Pan-Wales Triage Scheme was initially piloted at one site in Cardiff from July 2014. Following a successful bid by Gwent OPCC to the Home Office Innovation Fund in 2014/2015 two years funding was awarded for 2014/15 and 2015/16 to enable the Scheme to be piloted in four additional sites across Wales. Following a development phase and procurement process a contract was awarded to Women's Aid (Newport) to deliver the scheme for Newport (Gwent). This was supported by a further 12 months funding from the Home Office for 2016/17.
 - Newport (Gwent)– Launched 1st October 2015

This scheme was further funded by Gwent PCC for an additional 12 months until end March 2018 to allow an 'All Wales' model to be developed.

Evidence suggests that women who are arrested are often low risk but considered high, in terms of needs and vulnerabilities. Some face multiple and complex issues including poor mental health, substance misuse, and abuse. It has long been recognised that women in the CJS benefit from a distinct approach which takes into account the multiple needs and provides opportunity to address the underlying causes of the offending behaviour, such issues have been prioritised in a number of Police and Crime Commissioner Crime Plans across the UK.

The development of an 'All Wales' model is on-going and a further extension of six months has been agreed to complete a robust service model.

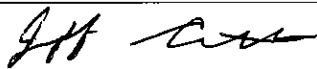
3. The decision I have made is to extend the contract at a value of £38,661 for a further 6 months until end September 2018 to allow for a robust commissioning process to be developed and delivered for Gwent.

Jeff Cuthbert, 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.

Signed



Date

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