

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2015-057	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Police Commissioner's Community Safety Fund Allocation 2015 /16
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the allocation of continuation funding for the Gwent Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA).

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. At the Strategic Commissioning Board meeting of 26th January 2015, members were informed that the Gwent Domestic Abuse Pathfinder Project was considering the Gwent provision for a combined IDVA programme.

The outcomes of this planning would have an impact on the allocation of funding to IDVAs and therefore it was agreed that funding for the IDVAs programme would be provided for the first six month of the 15 / 16 funding year (£46,892) and the second element (also £46,892) should be deferred until the report from South East Wales Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (SEW VAWDASV) Board has been received.
3. At the Strategic Commissioning Board meeting of 31st July 2015, members received a report from the SEW VAWDASV Board outlining the current work programme being progressed to support the future provision of the IDVA service across Gwent.

The University of South Wales have been commissioned to carry out research to look at what a Gwent Regional IDVA service could look like. With the support of the VAWDASV regional team researchers will conduct a document analysis of key papers drawing on local and national literature, facilitate a series of stakeholder focus groups and develop a set of recommendations. Stakeholders will include; multi-agency professionals, IDVAs and service users. The progressive work and evaluation aims to inform future developments by addressing the following questions:

- What could a regional service look like in Gwent?
- What is the need across Gwent for an IDVA service?
- What does provision currently look like across Gwent?
- What are the risks/benefits of regionalising the service?
- What does best practice look like?
- What is the chosen definition of a Gwent IDVA service?
- How could the service be best evaluated?

Recommendations will be made to the SEW VAWDASV Board on the 12th of October 2015 based on 3 potential models which are to be centred on varying degrees of funding. The timescale for implementation of the agreed model will commence in 2016. The IDVA service for quarters 3 and 4 of this financial year will continue to be delivered within each LA whilst the new model for implementation is agreed and progressed.

Having assessed the work programme and based upon the recommendations of the Strategic Commissioning Board, I have decided to award the £46,892 remaining element of the IDVA funding for quarters 3 and 4 IDVA provision for Gwent, to be allocated to Newport City Council as the banker for four Local Authority areas; Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, and Torfaen.

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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