

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2020-057	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2021/22 for Sexual Violence Services
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to New Pathways and Cyfannol Women's Aid to ensure the continuation of their services in support of victims of sexual offences in Gwent.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) 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. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014), which provided specific arrangements for the provision of commissioning services for victims.
2. Each PCC receives an annual Victims Support Services Grant (VSSG) from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), to contribute to delivery of victims' services in the area - sexual violence services can be funded by this grant.

For 2021/22, funding allocated to the provision of sexual violence services has been maintained at 2020/21 funding levels. I have also been successful in securing additional funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) provision in Gwent. The award for 2021/22 is £118,015, bringing the total funding available for sexual violence services in Gwent to £418,015.

New Pathways and Cyfannol Women's Aid were invited to submit proposals to secure the allocated funding to contribute towards the provision of their sexual violence services in Gwent. New Pathways is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services, including management of the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Specialist provision is also available for children who are victims of sexual abuse. Cyfannol Women's Aid provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services across Gwent.
3. Both organisations submitted a proposal and a Review Panel was convened by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (OPCC) to consider the proposals received, which included representatives of the

OPCC and Gwent Police. The Review Panel assessed the proposal against criteria outlined in the Sexual Violence Services Guidance and made recommendations in relation to the applications.

4. In order to fulfil on my commitments in relation to victims of sexual violence, I have considered the requirements under the Act; the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan; as well as the recommendations of the Review Panel and have allocated the following funding.

An amount of £348,515 to New Pathways to contribute to the delivery of Sexual Violence Services in 2021/2022, including the following services:

- SARC services;
- Core ISVA services;
- Additional ISVA's - Children and Young People ISVA; Mental Health ISVA and Community ISVA;
- Children's Therapy; and
- Adult Counselling.

The funding will also contribute to training services, finance services, supervision, management and administration costs.

An amount of £69,500 to Cyfannol Women's Aid to contribute to the delivery of their Horizon Support Services which include:

- Adult Counselling; and
- ISVA services.

The funding will also contribute to management and administration costs.

5. 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 review 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 proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.

Applicant organisations will be 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. Payment of grants is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

My decision is as I have recorded in this paper

Signed



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Background papers

Sexual Violence Grant Fund Guidance 2021/2022
New Pathways proposal for 2021/2022