

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2016-046	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Victim Services Grant Funding Allocation 2016/ 17
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide victims services grant funding to partnership organisations working within Connect Gwent for the financial year 2016/17.

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. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act (2014) which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.

2. Consideration is required to continue to provide financial support out of the base grant allocation of Ministry of Justice (MOJ) victim services funding to the below listed partnership organisations in order that they can continue to provide their services as part of the Connect Gwent hub for the 2016/17 financial year. This funding will provide status quo service levels whilst the current review of the configuration of and services provided by Connect Gwent is undertaken under the Staying Ahead 8 programme. Future financial allocations, i.e. from 2017/18 onwards will reflect the outcomes of this current review.

New Pathways – £92,000

New Pathways have four staff who are based in Connect Gwent three days a week (an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate, a Children’s Counsellor, an Assessor and an Administrator). They are an organisation who provide rape crisis and sexual abuse support services. New Pathways offer counselling, support to witnesses and management of the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Specialist provision is also available for children who are victims of sexual abuse. An additional £47,000 has been awarded to New Pathways for the 2016/17 financial year on top of the £92,000 to continue the services provided in 2015/16. The additional £47,000 was specifically for Child Sexual Exploitation support services to victims as per my decision log PCCG-2016-041 of May 2016.

Aneurin Bevan Health Board (ABHB) - £24,090

Connect Gwent has a Community Psychiatric Nurse based within the hub that will pick up any appropriate referrals and is able to refer directly into mental health provision without the need to access via the GP. ABHB is provided with an annually negotiated grant to provide this service with

payment made via invoice. The funding provided to ABHB covers 50% of the post.

Embrace - £12,500


This national charity's vision is to 'be there' for all those children and teenagers who, through no fault of their own, are victims of crime. They help to take away the hurt, restore some normality to young lives and reassure them that other people really do care. They provide support for individuals whether they need cheering up, someone who will listen to them or professional help. The service commissioned in Gwent has been for Embrace to deliver specialist services in order to support child victims of crime and contributes towards 50% of a Caseworker's post which is based at Connect Gwent.

Age Cymru - £16,000

Age Cymru Gwent is a Charity which provides help and support for older people (50+) in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and the City of Newport. The service commissioned has been to deliver a pilot project to enable Age Cymru Gwent to base a support worker (25 hours per week) within Connect Gwent to work together with other agencies. Following referral, the Connect Gwent based support worker will contact older victims of crime by phone or if more appropriate undertake home visits to offer both emotional and practical support. Where appropriate they will refer service users to in-house services or signpost them to other agencies who can meet their needs.

3. I have considered the requirements under the Act, the current service provision landscape in Gwent and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will continue to provide victim services funding to these partnerships organisations out of the MOJ funding allocation for 2016/17.

Each of these organisations will need to provide me with such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan. By funding these organisations non-recurrently for 2016/17 I will be able to assess the most effective service delivery model for future years.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed	Date
	7/7/16

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Background papers	

