

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
<b>PCCG-2018-029</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Further Interim Provision of Children and Young People Victims' Service</b>
<b>Summary</b>	<b>To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding funding Umbrella Cymru to further extend the provision of an interim Children and Young People's Victim Service.</b>

## **DECISION**

1. **Embrace has been providing services for Children and Young People who are victims or witnesses of crime since the opening of Connect Gwent in 2015. The last contract ended on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. This service has been reviewed and a decision made to expand and improve the provision. The new service is being advertised by an Invitation To Tender (ITT). Unfortunately due to changes in staff and sickness absence the tender release has been delayed which has led to a gap in Embrace services ending and the ITT being awarded for the new service. It was anticipated this would only need a 3 month interim plan (this was agreed under decision log PCCG-2018-017) but this now needs extending as the ITT has still not been completed and will take a further four months to advertise and progress.**
2. **Umbrella Cymru have provided an interim service for three months from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and are able to continue to deliver this service for a further 4 months. Umbrella Cymru will not be applying to run the new service, however they have the appropriate policies, procedures and insurance to deliver the service required. They are already based in Connect Gwent so can pick up the referrals via the existing pathways; enabling provision of continuous support for children, young people and their families.**
3. **During the initial three months, 8-10 appointments per week have been provided by the two part time workers. They have enhanced skills when compared with the previous service provider and the complexity of needs and delivery has increased. They have been employed for a total of 20 hours per week and are working in excess of this on a regular basis compared to the full time role provided by the previous service provider. It was agreed that the service could be delivered in this interim period for less hours by providing an assisted signposting and short intervention approach. Due to the success of the current posts, it is proposed that the hours provided are increased from 20 to**


37.5 per week.

4. The cost will be £12,000 in total. This has been costed at £3,000 per month to provide 37.5 hours of staff support and all associated costs with providing the service.

**Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MDIPD, 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 

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<b>Background papers</b>	None