Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision			
PCCG-2016- 003	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision		
Subject	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) awareness campaign grant funding allocation 2015/16		
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide £6,000 from the Community Safety Grant to the South East Wales Safeguarding Children's Board (SEWSCB) to provide a regional Child Sexual Exploitation awareness raising campaign.		

## DECISION

- 1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to pay due regard to the national Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR). CSE is one of the current requirements as it is an emerging national policing threat. In addition, Gwent Police have also identified through performance data and the force Strategic Assessment that CSE is an emerging local policing priority.
- 2. The SEWCSB Strategic Plan 2013-2016 has several regional priorities. CSE is an objective within Priority 2 'adolescents who exhibit harmful behaviour'. To ensure delivery of this objective the Board have established a CSE lead sub group, which have created and implemented a multi - agency action plan for 2015-2016 with CSE key objectives to;
  - Raise awareness within our communities and promote multi agency understanding of children and young people at risk of, currently experiencing CSE;
  - Encourage engagement with children and young people and their families and the use of their feedback to improve services; and
  - Support the identification of training and awareness needs.
- 3. To achieve the stated objectives the CSE lead group wish to implement an awareness raising campaign by using a national theatre company to perform a play on the issues of CSE to year eight pupils in each of the 36 secondary schools in Gwent. This will provide 6,029 pupils across Gwent with the opportunity to engage with the performance and increase their awareness, knowledge, understanding and potential risk and vulnerability of CSE.

The campaign is to be rolled out over 12 months, the expected regional outcomes are;

- Reducing the number of pupils becoming victims of CSE
- More school staff identify risky situation and are able to prevent CSE

• More school staff able to support pupils at risk of CSE.

In addition, the outcomes for pupils will be;

- Increase knowledge and understanding of the impact of CSE,
- Gain the skills to protect themselves from exploitation
- Can keep themselves safe on the internet and identify risky situation
- More aware of support services
- 4. The total cost of the awareness campaign is approximately £23,622. Each of the 36 secondary schools have committed £350. Therefore £12,600 will be contributed from Education towards the overall cost.

From the information and evidence outlined above, I have decided to allocate  $\pounds$ 6,000 to the SEWCSB to contribute to this campaign for 2015/2016. The CSE lead group are to work with the SEWCSB members to ensure the shortfall in funding is met.

5. The SEWCSB will need to ensure they provide their stated child, school and regional outcomes at the end of the training to demonstrate the added value of the allocated funding and the difference it has made, both in the short and potentially long term to children and young people across Gwent.

## 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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