

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2017-028	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Connect Gwent Victim's Hub Funding for Partner Organisations 2017/18
Summary	To record the decision to provide victim's services grant funding provided by the Ministry of Justice to third sector organisations working in the Connect Gwent partnership for the financial year 2017/18

## **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 2017/18 financial year. Their work has been reviewed through the Staying Ahead 8 process which evidenced the need for the services and these outcomes were contained in the 2016/17 report submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner and SPB. However, we will be doing further consultation work about a children and young people's victims' service this year which will inform the service provision for 2018/19.
 

**Embrace** - To continue to fund Embrace (dependent on the completion of new contract and evidence base). Amount: £12,500

This national charity's vision is to 'be there' for all those children and young people who are victims of crime. The service commissioned in Gwent has been for Embrace to deliver specialist services in order to support child victims of crime, contributing 50% towards a Caseworker's post which is based at Connect Gwent.

**Age Cymru Gwent** - To increase the funding to Age Cymru Gwent to allow 5 hours per week increase in delivery of services. Amount: £16,754

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 project to enable Age Cymru Gwent to base a support worker (25 hours per week) within Connect Gwent to work together with other agencies. There has been evidence of need for the support for older people and particularly with an increase in fraud and financial crime. For 2017/18 the service will be provided for 30 hours per week. 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.

**Aneurin Bevan Health Board (ABHB)** - To continue to fund the Well-Being Practitioner jointly with ABUHB. Amount £24,500

Connect Gwent has a Community Psychiatric Nurse based within the hub that will pick up any appropriate referrals, do mental health assessments and is able to refer directly into mental health provision without the need to access via the GP. ABHB is provided with an annual grant to provide this service with payment made via invoice. The funding provided to ABHB covers 50% of the post.

**Umbrella Cymru** - To fund Umbrella Cymru as a provider of services in Connect Gwent. Amount £5,000

Umbrella Cymru (previously Umbrella Gwent) has provided services in Connect Gwent for 2 years. They have in the past been funded through the PCC partnership fund. Umbrella Cymru provides support to approximately 100 victims a year and provides training within the Connect Gwent thereby supporting all staff. By providing funding in the same way that other services are funded, Umbrella Cymru will sit within the Connect Gwent outcomes/accountability framework and monitoring for the whole service will be consistent.

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 2017/18.

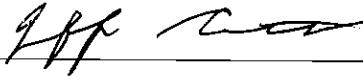
Each of these organisations will need to provide me with such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan. By funding these organisations non-recurrently for 2017/18 I will be able to assess the most effective service delivery model for future years.

**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



Date

17/7/17

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