

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
<b>PCCG-2018-027</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grant Funding Allocation 2018/19 – New Pathways</b>
<b>Summary</b>	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide additional funding to New Pathways 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 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. New Pathways is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services, via Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) who 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.

During 2017 my office and I undertook an internal review of the sexual abuse, violence and exploitation (SAVE) services funded by Gwent Police and the OPCC. The review produced six recommendations, which confirmed in summary that a broader understanding of the scale and prevalence of SAVE across Gwent was required. Therefore I commissioned a wider review in December 2017, with the support of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Partnership Board and Safeguarding Board.

The outcome of the review will be to provide a robust evidence base that reflects the sexual abuse, violence and exploitation demand and need in Gwent in order to build a sustainable and collaborative funding framework. The final report will be presented to me and my senior management team during April 2018.

Therefore, given the remit of the SAVE review, and to ensure continuity of current services provision, I made the decision to maintain the grant allocation for New Pathways as per 2017-2018 funding levels, with a 3% inflationary cost added. Decision log PCCG-2017-019 and PCCG-2017-023

provide further details.

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**Summary of New Pathways total grant allocation 2017/18:**

- ISVA/SARC: £92,000
- SARC: £45,000 (via Gwent Police)
- ISVA service and Shortfall : £30,000
- Children & Adult counselling, clinical assessment: £56,761.00

2017-18 Total : £223,761

**Summary of New pathway total grant allocation 2018/19, plus 3% inflationary costs:**

- ISVA/SARC: £94,760 (Victims Grant)
- SARC: £46,381.89 (via Gwent Police)
- ISVA service £20,600 and funding shortfall; £10,300 (Commissioners Fund)
- Children & Adult counselling, clinical assessment: £58,464.00 (Commissioners Fund)

2018/19 Total : £230,505.89

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The reporting structure for 2018/19 is provided within **annex A**. I have requested that only one report be produced against funding and service provision. In previous years New Pathways have produced reports to meet individual funding streams (a report for MOJ, additional PCC funding and Gwent Police). A collaborative report is a step towards streamlining processes that will assist in reflecting total demand and service provision. It is also envisaged that it will assist with analysis during the implementation of the SAVE review.

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I have considered the requirements under the Act and the current activity being undertaken and have decided that I will provide the funding of £230,505.89 to New Pathways for the 2018/19 financial year only. This funding is provided on the premise of completion of the new reporting structure and funding spend as per **Annex A**.

**Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**

My decision is as I have recorded in this paper

Signed



Date

22/6/18

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<b>Background papers</b>	MOJ Grant Agreement dated 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 Cyfannol Application for on-going funding New Pathways request for additional funding

