

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2017-031	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Connect Gwent Victim's Hub Funding for New Pathways 2017/18
Summary	To record the decision to fund New Pathways to continue working in the Connect Gwent partnership for the financial year 2017/18 from victim's services grant funding provided by the Ministry of Justice

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, Crime and Policing Act (2014) which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.
2. Further to my decision log PCCG 2017-028, I am required to consider whether to continue to provide financial support out of the base grant allocation of Ministry of Justice (MOJ) victim services funding to New Pathways in order that they can provide their service as part of the Connect Gwent hub for the 2017/18 financial year. Their work has been reviewed through the Staying Ahead 8 change management process which evidenced the need for its services and these outcomes were contained in the 2016/17 Connect Gwent report submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Strategy and Performance Board. Connect Gwent 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.

New Pathways have four staff who are based in Connect Gwent and New Pathways offices (an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate, a Children's Counsellor, an Assessor and an Administrator). It is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services. New Pathways offers 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 £56,761 has already been awarded to New Pathways for the 2017/18 financial year on top of the £92,000 to continue the services previously

provided in 2016/17. The additional £56,761 is specifically for Child Sexual Exploitation victim support services as per my decision log PCCG-2017-018 of May 2017. A further £30,000 has also been provided to New Pathways to contribute towards providing Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) in Gwent and the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). This funding is to ensure service provision is maintained following a withdrawal of funding from the Home Office and is detailed further in my decision log PCCG-2017-023 of May 2017.

3. I have considered the requirements under the Acts, 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 £92,000 victim services funding to New Pathways out of the MOJ funding allocation for 2017/18.

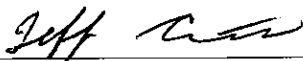
New Pathways will need to provide me with such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021. By funding New Pathways non-recurrently for 2017/18 I will be able to assess the most effective service delivery model for years to come.

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

8/8/17

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