



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.			
Title: Sexual Violence Counselling Provision – Redcar and Cleveland			
Executive Summary:			
<p>Eva Women’s Aid is a Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Service based within the Redcar and Cleveland area. Previously, Eva Women’s Aid was in receipt of funding from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Rape Support Fund to provide support to victims of rape and sexual abuse to enable them to cope and recover. In 2019, the MoJ announced a competitive exercise whereby services had to bid for future funding which would be awarded over a sustainable period of time. Unfortunately, Eva were not successful in this competitive process leaving their counselling service at risk of closing and an infinite number of vulnerable victims ostracised and unable to access vital services, especially those from within rural communities.</p> <p>The PCC wrote to Edward Agar MP in July 2019 expressing concern for victims of sexual violence living within the Redcar and Cleveland area and the barriers faced in them having to access services outside of their local area. In addition to this the OPCC established a Sexual Violence Commissioners Forum bringing together commissioners across the area including NHS England, Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Group. This forum meets regularly to ensure that support services are available to meet the needs of victims including services that are accessible in a timely manner, specialist and sustainable.</p> <p>Whilst this work commenced and developed the OPCC agreed to provide funding to Eva up to March 2020 to enable Eva to consider their long term sustainability plans and for commissioners to gain a greater understanding of need with the potential to co-commission services in the future.</p>			
Decision:			
Grant fund Eva Women’s Aid to the value of £40,500 for the period July 2019 – March 2020 to maintain sexual violence counselling provision within the Redcar and Cleveland area, including historic victims of child sexual abuse.			
OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling			
Contractor Details (if applicable): Eva Women's Aid			
Implications:			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(If yes please provide further details below)			

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Sufficient funding is available within the 2019/20 to support this proposal

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Grant arrangements pursuant to the PCC's commissioning powers set in s143 Antisocial Behaviour, Crime & Policing

Equality and Diversity Implications

None arise.

Human Rights Implications

None arise.

Sustainability Implications

This is a one off grant up to March 2020. The Sexual Violence Commissioners Forum meets regular to consider longer term implications and required service provision across Cleveland.

Risk Management Implications

None arise.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed  Date 25/11/19

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 26/11/19