



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: To approve the award of a contract to establish a Cleveland Anti-Trafficking Network.

Executive Summary: The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland is committed to playing a key role to raise awareness of and to seek intelligence amongst agencies and communities to tackle Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery as evidenced in the 2016-2020 Police and Crime Plan. It is also a Home Office and Cleveland Police priority. The threat which this hidden crime poses to our communities is real and emerging as evidenced by an increasing number of criminal investigations and National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referrals made to the National Crime Agency (NCA).

Cleveland Police completed a review of Modern Slavery in May 2017 which found that similar to the national approach, there is evidence that multi-agency Anti-Slavery Networks have a positive impact on combatting and preventing Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and having such networks in place is recognised as good practice. Therefore, in support of this evidence the PCC jointly with Cleveland Police have commissioned the development and delivery of a Cleveland wide Anti-Slavery Network. The service specification can be found attached.

In December 2017, an advert was placed on the Bluelight E-tendering system inviting suppliers to bid for the service. Although the value was below the Contract Standing Orders threshold for tenders of £50,000, a decision was made to open the opportunity up to the market, as the market was unknown. An open tender was carried out using EU Supply as the tender portal, advertising the contract in Contract Finder and OJEU as per the Public Procurement Regulations 2015.

Four bids were received by the closing date however all four were over budget and therefore bidders were provided clarification on the budget and asked to establish what they could achieve within the budget. All bids came back in budget.

In addition to a number of mandatory pass/fail questions such as mandatory/discretionary exclusion/financial viability/ Insurance the evaluation criterion was 45% Quality and Service Delivery and 55% Price.

The evaluation team scored the bids and case study in accordance with the evaluation criteria issued with the bid documents. The outcome of the evaluation process was:

Bidder 1 – 71.5%

Bidder 2 – 66.18%

Bidder 3 – 73.84%

Bidder 4 – 54.52%

Bidder 3 price submission was in line with the financial envelope and was the most economically advantageous tender. The acceptance of the preferred bidder has been approved in line with the current Contract Standing Orders, however the award of the contract has been published as it was agreed to be of public interest.

The network will be tasked with developing a Cleveland wide Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery strategy and multi-agency action plan ensuring victims are fully supported and offenders are brought to justice.

Decision: To approve Robin Brierley Consulting as the successful bidder for a two year contract for the delivery and development of a Cleveland-wide Anti-Trafficking Network at the sum of £38,400 over two years.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Robin Brierley Consulting

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 to support this proposal is included within the 2018/19 and 2019/20 budgets.

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

Having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief Executive is satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None arise.

Human Rights Implications

None arise.

Sustainability Implications

None arise.

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 13/3/18

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed 

Date 13/3/18

Outline Service Specification

Establishment of Anti-Trafficking Network

Introduction

The Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is committed to playing a key role, in collaboration with partners, to raise awareness and seek intelligence amongst agencies and communities to tackle Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery. Highlighted as a clear commitment within the 2016-2021 Police and Crime Plan, Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery is also both a Home Office and policing priority. The threat which this hidden crime poses to our communities is real and emerging which is evidenced by the increasing number of criminal investigations and National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referrals made to the National Crime Agency (NCA).

Following a Modern Slavery Peer Review into Cleveland Police in May 2017, there is firm evidence which highlights that more needs to be done to ensure that Cleveland Police effectively tackles the threat of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Nationally, there is evidence that multi-agency Anti-Slavery Networks have a positive impact on combatting and preventing Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and having such networks in place is recognised as good practice. Therefore in support of this the PCC together with Cleveland Police wishes to commission the development and delivery of a Cleveland wide anti-slavery network.

Aims and Objectives

The overall aim of an anti-slavery network across the Cleveland Police area is to bring together relevant agencies to collectively and collaboratively prevent, identify, disrupt and eradicate Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in all its forms. The network would see police, strategic partners, non-governmental organisations, academia and the business sector come together to collaborate and take this high priority agenda forward.

Service Requirements

- Development of an effective multi-agency anti-slavery network to:
 - Understand the scale of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking across the Cleveland area
 - Raise awareness of trafficking and modern slavery

- Reduce the threat and harm of slavery
- Chairing, co-ordination and administration of anti-slavery network meetings to be held at suitable time periods as agreed with the commissioner (initially monthly meetings).
- Development and delivery of multi-agency Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery action plan
- Develop strategic partnerships and collaborations with other regional, national and international organisations to tackle Modern Day Slavery including networks, partnerships and learning establishments.
- Facilitate the development of knowledge, information, data and skills across agencies and enable the sharing of good practice.
- To encourage a victim focussed approach and good practice in victim care
- To lead on the development of sub groups as agreed and identified by the anti-slavery network members which works to enhance the effectiveness of the group
- Encourage the development and identification of best practice, trends and patterns
- To remain abreast of current developments and initiatives locally, regionally and nationally relating to slavery and human trafficking
- To identify gaps in current provision
- To develop intelligence / information sharing protocols between agencies

Outcomes

- Increased awareness amongst partners of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery including Local Authorities, Public Health, NHS
- Greater intelligence picture locally
- Greater understanding of the scale locally.
- Increased understanding in regards to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)
- Increased reporting amongst partner agencies
- Improved victim support for those affected by Human Trafficking / Modern Slavery.