



Reference No: 13 - 2015

# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

<b>REQUEST:</b>			
For a financial contribution towards an Independent Domestic Advocates Service in each of the local Community Safety Partnership areas across the Cleveland Force area.			
<b>Title:</b>			
Independent Domestic Violence Advocate Contribution - Community Safety Partnerships			
<b>Executive Summary:</b>			
<p>The provision of local specialist support services is key to addressing the needs of domestic violence victims and their families. An integral element of these support services across the Cleveland area is the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA). The accredited IDVA service works with high risk victims of domestic violence with referrals into the service coming from the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference's (MARAC's) and/or the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts that operate at Teesside and Hartlepool Magistrates courts.</p> <p>The IDVA service provides a range of options to improve the safety of victims and their families, offering information and support, crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy and practical and emotional support to enable victims to make positive changes, reduce risk and minimise the risk of repeat victimisation.</p> <p>Overall the service ensures that the holistic needs of victims and their families are met by working in partnership with a range of local organisations to cope with the immediate impact of domestic abuse and recover from the harm experienced.</p>			
<b>Decision:</b>			
To approve grant funding of £120,000 for 2015/16 and £120,000 for 2016/17 (£30,000 per CSP per annum). The funding will provide a contribution to the IDVA service in each Local Authority across the Cleveland Police force area.			
<b>Implications:</b>			
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"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

## Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The funding implications of this decision are provided for within the budget for 2015/16 that is to be approved by the PCC before the end of February 2015. The projected balanced budget for 2016/17 also contains the funds to pay this grant in 2016/17. The funds are therefore available within current plans to pay this grant for the 2 years requested.

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

Equality and Diversity Implications

Human Rights Implications

Sustainability Implications

Risk Management Implications

### OFFICER APPROVAL

#### Chief Executive

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: 5/3/15

#### Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS / ~~DOES NOT HAVE~~ my approval.

Signed:  Date: 5/3/15



# Fund Application Form

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[Deadline for submission here]

Cleveland CSP Leads

4/12/2014

**Details provided within this application form will be used to generate Schedule 1 (Purpose) of the PCC Grant Agreement and will be published on the PCC website at [www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk).**

# Section 1 – Basic bid information

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## Contact details

<b>Organisation / Agency name</b>	Community Safety Partnership Lead Officers (Middlesbrough; Stockton; Redcar and Cleveland; Hartlepool)
<b>Name of main contact who we can approach in case of queries</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Contact details (email, telephone/mobile]</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>In the case of a joint bid, please list all organisations and agencies involved as well as all key individuals.</b>	Safer Stockton Partnership ([REDACTED])  Safer Middlesbrough Partnership ([REDACTED])  Safer Redcar and Cleveland Partnership ([REDACTED])  Safer Hartlepool Partnership ([REDACTED])

## Brief description of proposed services/initiative(s)

Please provide a summary of your proposed services/Initiative(s) in no more than 300 words.

This initiative will contribute to an Independent Domestic Advisory Service in each of the local Community Safety Partnership areas across the Cleveland Force area.

The provision of local specialist support services is key to addressing the needs of domestic violence victims and their families. An integral element of these support services across the Cleveland area is the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA). The accredited IDVA service works with high risk victims of domestic violence with referrals into the service coming from the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference's (MARAC's) and/or the

Specialist Domestic Violence Courts that operate at Teesside and Hartlepool Magistrates courts.

The IDVA service provides a range of options to improve the safety of victims and their families, offering information and support, crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy and practical and emotional support to enable victims to make positive changes, reduce risk and minimise the risk of repeat victimisation. Overall the service ensures that the holistic needs of victims and their families are met by working in partnership with a range of local organisations to cope with the immediate impact of domestic abuse and recover from the harm experienced.

The IDVA service will be commissioned through the local CSPs in each area and will be an inclusive universal service that is available to **all** high risk and criminal justice victims of Domestic Violence and abuse

### Stakeholders

Agencies involved in delivering the IDVA service include local third sector organisations and members of the MARAC – Police, Social Care, Health, Housing, Probation, Education, Mental Health, Drugs Misuse and Rehabilitation services.

The main beneficiaries of the initiative will be victims of domestic abuse and their families who will be provided with vital support through the IDVA initiative including support through the criminal justice process.

### Criteria check – Does your proposal meet the PCCs Objectives?

1. Do the proposed services/initiatives support the Police and Crime Commissioner's objectives?	<b>Yes</b>
a. Retaining and developing neighbourhood policing	
a. Ensuring a better deal for victims and witnesses	<b>Yes</b>
b. Diverting people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of reoffending	
c. Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make the best use of resources	<b>yes</b>
d. Working for better industrial and community relations.	
2. Are you able to use the requested funds within the 2015/16 financial year?	<b>Yes</b>

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## Section 2 – Strategy Statement

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Please provide information as to how this application will support or enhance other services that you intend to commission, if that is your intention.

Introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, CSP's have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in their local area. CSP's are made up of representatives from the six 'responsible authorities', these include the Local Authority, Police, Fire Brigade, Community Rehabilitation Company; National Probation Service; and Clinical Commissioning Group. CSP's have a number of statutory duties which include:

- Producing an annual **partnership strategic assessment** to help identify and better understand local priorities;
- Produce a **partnership plan** that details how the CSP will tackle the crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and re-offending priorities in its local area;
- **Consulting** with local residents and organisations on community safety priorities.

As set out in the Governments "New Approach to Fighting Crime" CSP's play a unique role in assessing, analysing and responding to local need in relation to crime and community safety issues. There are four CSP's within Cleveland, all of which are coterminous with local authority and local policing areas.

All four CSP's have established evidence-led service planning and local multi-agency delivery models which have contributed to the reduction in recorded crime since 2008.

### Partnership Working

Partnership working between CSP's and the PCC is fundamental to the successful delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and local Community Safety Plans.

Although the PCC is not a 'responsible authority' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, provisions included in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 places a mutual duty on Police and Crime Commissioners and the responsible authorities to cooperate to reduce crime and disorder and re-offending. The Act expands on this duty to also require that CSP and PCC's have regard to the priorities set out in the local Police and Crime Plan and respective Community Safety Plans.

Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides the PCC with powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisation and projects which will help achieve their priorities.

The table below shows how CSP priorities support four of the PCC's objectives, as set out in the Police & Crime Plan 2013-17

<b>PCC Objectives</b>	<b>Hartlepool</b>	<b>Middlesbrough</b>	<b>Redcar<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Stockton</b>
Retaining and developing Neighbourhood Policing	Anti-social Behaviour  Acquisitive Crime	Target specific locations where there are disproportionately high levels of crime and/or deprivation	Reduce Anti-social Behaviour & Associated Incidents  Reduce House Burglaries, Other Burglaries & Other Theft	Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour  Violent Crime and Robbery  Criminal Damage
Ensuring a better deal for victims & witnesses	Domestic Violence & Abuse  Hate Crime	Reduce repeat victimisation	Reduce Violence: Domestic & Sexual, & Alcohol-related  Increase Reported Hate Incidents	Domestic Abuse
Divert people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and prevention of re-offending	Substance Misuse  Re-offending	Reduce reoffending  Reduce the harm to themselves and others by the most troubled families locally	Reduce the Harm caused by Drugs & Alcohol  Reduce Offending & Re-Offending	Reduce drug related offending
Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make the best use of resources.	Tackling community safety issues at a neighbourhood level	Target specific locations where there are disproportionately high levels of crime and/or deprivation	Address local Community Priorities identified through the 3x Neighbourhood areas	Reduce alcohol related crime and ASB

Domestic violence and abuse has a devastating impact on the lives of victims, families and communities. It is a crime that is still largely hidden, occurring behind closed doors, across all communities, all age groups and all type of relationships.

Domestic incidents decreased by 10% across the Cleveland Force area during the period April 2013 to March 2014, but there were still 11,515 domestic incidents reported to the Police during this period, and 5,348 children and young people were present in the home at the time of the incident.

Tables A and B provide a breakdown for each of the local policing areas in relation to domestic incidents and those where children and young people were present.

**Table A - Domestic Violence Incidents**

Incident Category	HARTLEPOOL		REDCAR		MIDDLESBROUGH		STOCKTON		CLEVELAND	
	No of Incidents	Per 1,000 pop	No of Incidents	Per 1,000 pop	No of Incidents	Per 1,000 pop	No of Incidents	Per 1,000 pop	No of Incidents	Per 1,000 pop
Domestic Incidents	2166	23.8	2207	16.5	3629	26.5	3513	18.7	11515	21.0
Year on Year Comparison	Reduced by 18.6%		Reduced by 8.6%		Increased by 3.4%		Reduced by 15.2%		Reduced by 10%	

**Table B – Number of children and young people present in the home at the time of the incident**

Domestic Abuse Incidents	HARTLEPOOL		REDCAR		MIDDLESBROUGH		STOCKTON		CLEVELAND	
	Children / Young People	Per 1,000 pop	Children / Young People	Per 1,000 pop	Children / Young People	Per 1,000 pop	Children / Young People	Per 1,000 pop	Children / Young People	Per 1,000 pop
Number of children and young people present in the home at the time of the incident	1046	51.3	1073	38.6	1648	51.9	1581	37.3	5348	43.7

As evidenced in the recent mapping exercise of specialist domestic violence services across Cleveland undertaken by the PCC, CSPs currently commission a range of specialist services to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and abuse such as refuge support; counselling; perpetrator programmes and educational awareness around healthy relationships.

Whilst each Local Policing Area commissions services to address local need, and are in different commissioning cycles all local areas are committed to PCC involvement in future local commissioning arrangements to improve collaboration and bring added value to achieve the best outcomes for victims of domestic violence and abuse across Cleveland.

The provision of an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor to work with high risk victims of domestic abuse to ensure appropriate planning and support around the needs of the victim including support through the criminal justice process is regarded as vital to these arrangements.



## Section 3 – Financial information

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### Funding requested

<b>£360k over 3 years</b>	<b>Total funding requested:  £360k</b>
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### Funding period and payment schedule

April 2015-March 2016	£120k
April 2016-March 2017	£120k
April 2017 – March 2018	£120k

### Payment schedule (single payment, quarterly, etc)

Quarterly
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### Bid elements

Service/Initiative	Amount Requested
IDVA 2015-16	£120,000
IDVA 2016-17	£120,000
IDVA 2017-18	£120,000
<b>Total funded requested</b>	<b>£360,000</b>

### Joint bid elements (if applicable)

Service/Initiative	Amount Requested
IDVA Middlesbrough	£90,000 (30,000 annually)
IDVA Redcar and Cleveland	£90,000 (£30,000 annually)
IDVA Stockton	£90,000 (£30,000 annually)
IDVA Hartlepool	£90,000 (£30,000 annually)
<b>Total funded requested</b>	<b>£360,000</b>

## Start and End Dates

<b>Start</b> 1 March 2015	<b>End</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
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# Section 4 – Meeting the Police and Crime Commissioners Objectives

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## 1. What are the benefits of this service and how does the proposed services/initiatives support the Police and Crime Commissioner's objectives?

- Retaining and developing neighbourhood policing
- Ensuring a better deal for victims and witnesses
- Diverting people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of reoffending
- Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make the best use of resources
- Working for better industrial and community relations.

This proposal fully supports the PCC's priority to ensure a better deal for victims and witnesses and fully supports the PCC's commitment to the co-ordinated Violence against Women and Girls Strategy.

## Please give details showing how you will be able to use the requested funds within the 2015/16 financial year?

Independent Domestic Violence Advisors are currently in place in each of the four CSP areas. An early indication of an agreed contribution from the PCC on the same basis as in previous years would enable the service to be delivered without any disruption thereby ensuring victims are appropriately supported.

## 3. Exit Strategy – Are you able to secure alternative funding or to have plans to scale down your proposal if required?

The contribution from the PCC will ensure that this vital service will continue over the next three years and given the levels of high risk domestic violence and abuse cases across Cleveland there are no plans to scale this down. The funding requested will provide added value to existing services commissioned in each local area identified in the OPCCs recent mapping exercise of domestic violence services across Cleveland.

## Section 5 Quality Criteria

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**Does your application include specialist and/or innovating approaches to service provision?**

The IDVA service is a well established specialist service with a positive track record of providing support for victims of domestic abuse and their families, along with positive criminal justice outcomes. The service is highly valued by the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts across Tees and is independently quality assessed by CAADA thus providing commissioners with the reassurance that quality services are being delivered and identifying any areas for improvement.

### 6. Performance Criteria

**Details of outcomes expected and performance measurement criteria to be used (including as appropriate indicators and trend analysis).**

<b>.Indicator/Trend</b>	<b>Outcome expected</b>
Number of referrals to IDVA	Increased feelings of victim safety Improved quality of life Increased confidence in reporting Reduction in repeat MARAC cases Positive Criminal Justice Outcomes

## Section 7 Governance, Reporting and Communications Plans

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**Details of how the funds will be monitored and how the service/initiative(s) will be communicated to service users and other partners (where appropriate).**

Each local authority CSP lead will ensure that appropriate output, outcome, and financial monitoring arrangements are in place for the IDVA service and will report progress on a quarterly basis to the PCCs Scrutiny meeting as per the application.

Each of the local CSP areas has initiatives in place to raise awareness of the issues surrounding domestic violence and the support programmes available.

# Section 8 Notice of other bids for funding

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**Please add details of any related funding bids.**

There are no other funding bids related to the IDVA service.