



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

Request for financial support for the operational costs of the Cleveland Women's Network

Title:

Cleveland Violence Against Women and Girls Network

Executive Summary:

The Cleveland Women's Network is a Network of providers covering the Cleveland Police Force area working on issues under the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) agenda. The Network have been identified as key players in the implementation of the VAWG Strategy. To do this effectively there is a need for some co-ordination in order to keep the network cohesive and relevant. Therefore funding is requested towards the use of a dedicated co-ordinator.

Decision:

To provide funding of £3,715 to Cleveland Women's Network for 6 months (£619.13 per month), to assist with the operational costs of the Network as per the attached business case.

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 CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The financial implications resulting from supporting this bid are affordable within the 2014/15 budget that is set by the PCC.

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

N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

N/A

Human Rights Implications

N/A

Sustainability Implications

The post is time limited (6 months) and as such after this time if necessary other arrangements would need to be put in place.

Risk Management Implications

N/A

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: _____



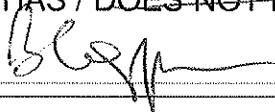
Date: _____

29 April 2014

Police and Crime Commissioner:

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

Signed: _____



Date: _____

6/5/14



Cleveland Violence Against Women and Girls Network

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A partnership approach to progressing the VAWG Strategy in 2014

1. Background

1.1 The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) agenda cuts across a number of related themes. This is an agenda with a long history, and has been the subject of a range of partnership approaches led by various strategic bodies over the last 10 years at a Local Authority (LA) level. This has resulted in varying levels of investment over different themes and some notable gaps for particular communities of interest or less prevalent issues.

1.2 Cleveland benefits from a wealth of specialist Voluntary Sector services working across this agenda. These services are funded through a variety of sources, they bring substantial funds into the area, and work well with statutory service provision. Whilst this may appear to be a confusing picture, there are established pathways and agreements within and between LA areas that are effectively providing services to thousands of victims in Cleveland.

2. Cleveland Network

2.1 The Cleveland Network has existed in various forms (covering South Tees only) for a number of years; in 2013 when the remit and direction of the PCC became apparent, the network formalised its purpose and invited all VCS providers across Cleveland to come together and work more cohesively.

2.2 The Cleveland Network is the only network of providers that covers Cleveland on all the issues that are under this agenda and aims to:

- Build trust between agencies to work together and share best practice
- Consult with service users and ensure their experiences influence policy and practice
- Identify emerging issues and drive forward change where necessary through campaigning and lobbying
- Promote collaboration across Cleveland within and between sectors
- Ensure communities of interest and marginalised issues are addressed
- Promote awareness of the VAWG agenda through communities

3. Our Request

3.1 As all services are under pressure through cuts in funding and a rise in demand, it has never been more important to work together and take a pragmatic approach to the needs of victims in Cleveland. In this endeavour, the Cleveland Network has a role to play in the

delivery of the VAWG strategy. To do this effectively, some co-ordination is required to keep the network cohesive and relevant to the overall needs of victims. Building on the achievements of the Tees wide Sexual Violence Strategy Group, we request funding for this co-ordinator to dedicate 1 day per week to the Cleveland network activities (see attached budget).

4. Outcomes

4.1 This is a time limited post (6 Months from April 2014) with the following aims:

- Act as a single point of contact for the sector providers
- Promote a clear and cohesive approach to the creation of the Action Plan
- Draw together a range of providers to deliver the PCC Action Plan, bringing in additional funding where possible and utilising existing resources
- Co-ordination of user consultation to demonstrate the effectiveness of activities across Cleveland
- Promote and pilot the 'Soft Intelligence Tool'
- Identify and report to the PCC on any emerging issues for this agenda
- Lead on Public Awareness Campaigns and community engagement

5. Budget

The budget is based on current salary and on costs of the Coordinator which equates to £18.50 per hour (including Pension, Employer NIC, and Essential Car User's Allowance) giving a daily rate of £129.50 for 7 hours and current office running costs (ISP, phone, stationery, postage etc.) of £53 per month (for 2 days)

Salary & on costs	£546.13
Office running costs	£ 53.00
Mileage (50 miles per month@40p per mile)	£ 20.00
TOTAL MONTHLY COST	£619.13