



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval.

**Title:** Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Funding 2021/ 22

**Executive Summary:**

Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) provide a range of options to improve the safety of victims and their families, offering information and support, crisis intervention, safety planning and advocacy and practical and emotional support to enable victims to make positive changes, reduce risk and minimise the risk of repeat victimisation.

The number of recorded domestic abuse incidents in Cleveland has increased by over 19% in the two-year period between November 2018 and November 2020, and highlights the critical need of having high quality support services in place. Providing funding of up to £120,000 towards IDVA provision across Cleveland will enable the continuation of an additional IDVA across each of the Local Authority areas providing added value to the existing contracts in place.

Funding break down, by IDVA provision and local authority area:

Delivery across Hartlepool and Stockton: £60,000 (Harbour Support Service)

Delivery across Middlesbrough: £30,000 (My Sister’s Place)

Delivery across Redcar and Cleveland: £30,000 (Foundation UK)

To support future commissioning priorities the OPCC along with the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board and the two Children’s Safeguarding Boards have commissioned support from SafeLives to develop the response to Domestic Abuse across the Cleveland area. This will include;

- Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) review
- A systems deep dive review
- Development of a Cleveland quality standard
- Ensure the area is Domestic Abuse Bill ready

**Decision:**

To approve funding for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 of up to £120,000 [£60,000 to Harbour, £30,000 to Foundation UK and £30,000 to My Sisters Place] to provide additional IDVA capacity in support of local authority domestic abuse commissioned services.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Rachelle Kipling

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Foundation UK, Harbour and My Sister’s Place

**Implications:**

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
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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 Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Funding was provided within the recently approved 2021/22 budget for the costs of these proposals.

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 monitoring officer approver 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**

The IDVA service is available to all residents across the Cleveland Police force area. Residents from all backgrounds, including gender, ethnicity, race, sexuality, disability status, and age group will have equal access to the services.

**Human Rights Implications**

None arising.

**Sustainability Implications**

OPCC budgets will be reviewed in advance of the next financial year.

**Risk Management Implications**

None arising.

**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 19/03/2021

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 19/03/2021