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Decision title

Supporting suicide prevention and intervention on the Isle of Wight to keep people safer and reduce the impact on frontline policing

Executive summary

A whole community approach to suicide prevention is an essential activity that benefits everyone. It not only achieves proactive response to those struggling with difficult life circumstances but also reduces the demand for policing services and the additional support to families and loved ones. The charity provides an immediate operational suicide response on the Isle of Wight and will help to reduce the impact on police officers' time and response.

The initiative will help to keep vulnerable people on the local community safer and supports the Commissioner's priority to strengthen partnerships and deliver effective and efficient policing.

The thermal imaging equipment to be funded will help to undertake more effective searches at a well-known and potential suicide risk areas. It will also assist in the location of vulnerable individuals more quickly and support the team in getting them to a place of safety.

This additional camera that is to be provided through this funding will build on the excellent outcomes achieved in the last year. The equipment to be provided builds on previous grant funding provided by the Commissioner in June 2020. This further support will enable services to be based at another location on the Isle of Wight for use by a second emergency team at a base on the other side of the island which is known as another high-risk area.

Recommendation

The Commissioner agrees to provide funding of **£2,500** to contribute towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera to help in supporting and locating vulnerable individuals of higher risk of suicide. This initiative will also reduce the time required of frontline police officers.

Statement on publication

This Decision Record and supporting Decision Request documentation is suitable for publication.

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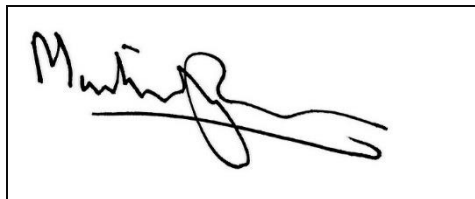
Police and Crime Commissioner approval

I hereby **approve** the recommendation above.

Comments on the decision taken:

This can be quickly added to the resources to keep people safer and in time for the first easements of lockdown.

Signature:



Name:

Michael Lane

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

Date:

25-Mar-21

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Table 1 - Document version history

Version Number	Version date	Requester of change	Summary of changes
1.0	25-Mar-21	Not applicable – First issue	Not applicable – First issue
1.1	25-Mar-21	OPCC Programme Office	Addition of PCC’s signature following confirmation of approval. Other minor changes to format.

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To support suicide prevention and intervention on the Isle of Wight to keep people safer and reduce the impact on frontline policing

Requester details:

Requester: Michael Lane

Role title: Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

1 Summary

The Commissioner has been approached to contribute funding towards a thermal imaging camera for Suicide Prevention and Intervention on the Isle of Wight. Funds have already been raised locally towards the cost of the camera in the region of £3,000 and the Commissioner’s contribution is the final amount required to enable to the important equipment to be purchased.

The local charity on the Isle of Wight has seen an increase in calls when the camera could be used. The thermal imaging camera will help to seek out and trace bodies at a well-known potential risk area, which includes suicide risk. It will help to locate vulnerable people more quickly and get them to a place of safety.

The charity provides an immediate operational suicide response on the Isle of Wight and will help to reduce the impact on police officers’ time

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and response. The camera can also be used when a police helicopter is not available.

The initiative will help to keep vulnerable people on the local community safer and supports the Commissioner's priority to strengthen partnerships and deliver effective and efficient policing.

2 Recommendation

The Commissioner makes the contribution of **£2,500** towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera to support with suicide prevention and intervention thereby helping to keep lives safer.

3 Strategic context

The initiative will help to keep vulnerable people on the local community safer and supports the Commissioner's priority to strengthen partnerships and deliver effective and efficient policing.

4 Options appraisal

A request for a contribution toward a first thermal imaging camera was received in June 2020, when a grant of £1,000 was made. This additional grant funding provides for an enhanced option that will expand the service to the whole Island.

5 Timescales

The payment will be made on formal approval of the Decision Request to enable immediate action to be taken.

6 Financial and resourcing implications

Total cost	£2,500
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Timeframe funding required for	n/a
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Table 2 - Funding allocation in each financial year

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital	£0	£0	£0
Revenue	£2,500	£0	£0

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Table 3 - Funding source - Capital and Revenue

	Capital (insert 'Yes' if applicable)	Revenue (insert 'Yes' if applicable)
Transformation reserve		
Commissioner's reserve		
Commissioning budget		
Approved capital programme		
General fund		
Other		Yes

7 Communications and engagement implications

This support provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the role of the PCC in supporting the vulnerable and victims and in funding local initiatives and partners that help to keep people safer. We will liaise with the organisation to promote the initiative and funding of the camera.

8 Legal implications

Not applicable.

9 Risks and mitigation

There is a risk that organisations may request funding to purchase similar equipment. Each request can be reviewed according to what it will be used for, how it supports the vulnerable and for the potential for financial support to be provided.

10 Strategic policing requirement

This supports and enhances local policing by providing suicide prevention and intervention. The thermal imaging camera can help to reduce the impact on police time in handling incidents of this nature, but can also be a resource for them and the HM coastguard when appropriate.

11 Equalities

The equipment will support and provide a service to all local residents.

12 Data Protection implications

Not applicable.

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13 Publication status

The Decision Request is suitable for publication.

14 Personnel consulted

The following personnel were consulted on the Decision Request.

Table 4 - Personnel consulted

Role	Organisation	Confirmation of consultation (insert 'Yes' if applicable)
Chief Executive	OPCC	Yes
Deputy Chief Executive / Assistant PCC (Criminal Justice)	OPCC	Yes
Chief Finance Officer	OPCC (HCC)	
Head of Strategic Commissioning and Partnerships	OPCC	
Head of Communication and Engagement	OPCC	
Head of Performance and Information	OPCC	
Head of Public Affairs (<i>Vacant</i>)	OPCC	Not applicable
Head of Standards and Compliance	OPCC	
Head of Estate, Operations and Support	OPCC	
Programme Office Manager	OPCC	Yes
Accountant	OPCC (HCC)	
Deputy Monitoring Officer	OPCC (HCC)	Yes
Head of Strategic Procurement	HCC	
Commissioning and Partnerships Officer	OPCC	

OPCC- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

HCC – Hampshire County Council

15 Appendices

Not applicable.

16 Background papers

Not applicable.