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Allocation of uplift funding to support victims of crime

Executive summary

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones is committed to standing up for victims at both a local and national level. The Ministry of Justice provide funding annually to support victims of crime. For 2023/24 the Commissioner has been allocated an additional £79,101 to support victims but it must be spent by 31 March 2024 and there is no guarantee of further uplift funding in the future.

As there was limited time to formally commission a provision for 2023/24 the Commissioner's team wrote to all currently funded organisations who provide support to victims of crime to ascertain if there are any significant pressures that additional funding in 2023/24 could be used for.

We received requests from six organisations and this decision notice is to seek agreement from the Commissioner to allocate £79,101 to those six organisations.

Recommendation(s)

That the uplift funding for victims of crime be allocated to six organisations for a total of £79,101 for 2023/24 only.

Statement on publication

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

Police and Crime Commissioner approval

I hereby **approve** the recommendation above.

Signature:



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Name: **Donna Jones**
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

Date: 24-Jul-23

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Requester details:

Requester: Caroline Sargeant

Role title: Commissioning Business Manager

1 Strategic context

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As there was limited time to formally commission a provision for 2023/24 the Commissioner's team wrote to all currently funded organisations who provide support to victims of crime to ascertain if there are any significant pressures that additional funding in 2023/24 could be used for.

We received requests from six organisations for a total of £112,966. With some further clarification of funding and looking at the options that were presented the below amounts are recommended to the Commissioner to fund in 2023/24.

| Organisation | What is the Funding for | Amount recommended |
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| Community First | Specialist PRE TRIAL training courses for counsellors | £2,800 |

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| Community First | Increase in START pre-trial counselling sessions | £4,500 |
| Community First | Bespoke psycho-educational pre-trial programme days | £2,100 |
| Family Action | Training our clinical counselling staff to work with interpreters | £1,000 |
| Family Action | Delivering specialist Domestic Abuse counselling to 5 clients with interpreters present | £7,140 |
| Hampton Trust | Project Foundation | £13,800 |
| No Limits | Advice and wellbeing hub | £12,000 |
| Stop Domestic Abuse | Target Hardening Capital Equipment | £11,001 |
| Stop Domestic Abuse | LiveChat Service for Victims of Domestic Abuse | £10,500 |
| Yellow Door | ISVA Service Costs | £14,260 |
| | | £79,101 |

2 Options appraisal

Do nothing would mean that the additional funding would not be allocated to provide support to victims of crime.

There are two ways in which the Commissioner supports services. Grants with grant agreements and procurement leading to contracts.

Grants are generally more flexible, short term and for less money than contracts. They are less rigorous in terms of specification and are therefore more appropriate for smaller voluntary organisations providing local services.

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Contracts are appropriate for core services which the Commissioner wants to ensure are available, often to safeguard the people most vulnerable to crime. Contracts require a rigorous and open procurement process with a clear specification.

As there was not enough time to run an open and transparent grants process it was decided to offer the funding to organisations that had already gone through a competitive process for funding and as a result were delivering interventions to victims of crime.

3 Timescales

The funding will be provided to the organisations recommended funding as soon as the decision notice has been signed. Funding must be spent and interventions delivered by 31 March 2024.

4 Financial and resourcing implications

This proposal has financial implications of **£79,101** and the funding will be allocated from the uplift funding provided from the Ministry of Justice ring fenced for victims of crime.

The funding will be provided to the organisations listed above for the period of 1 August 2023 to 31 March 2024 and there will be no expectation of future funding.

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| Total cost | £79,101 |
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| Timeframe funding required for | August 2023 to March 2024 |
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Table 1 - Funding allocation in each financial year

| | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Capital | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| Revenue | £79,101 | £0 | £0 |

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Table 2 - Funding source - Capital and Revenue

| | Capital (insert 'Yes' if applicable) | Revenue (insert 'Yes' if applicable) |
|---|--|--|
| Transformation reserve | | |
| Commissioner's reserve | | |
| Commissioning budget | | Yes |
| Approved capital programme | | |
| General fund | | |
| Other (<i>please provide details</i>) | | |

5 Communications and engagement implications

This decision request may be suitable for distribution as it would promote the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities as set out in her Police and Crime Plan 'More Police Safer Streets' to improve outcomes and strengthen support for victims of crime.

It also evidences the Police and Crime Commissioner's commitment to the commissioned services that she funds ensuring organisations can continue to deliver their services at a difficult time.

6 Legal implications

Under S.143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner may provide or arrange for the provision of services to secure or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction, or which help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and antisocial behaviour.

All of the services that are being funded through this additional funding provision have been through an open and transparent procurement process. The funding to be allocated will be offered via a one off grant.

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7 Risks and mitigation

If this decision request is not approved, funding to support victims of crime will not be allocated and will need to be given back to the Ministry of Justice.

The Police and Crime Commissioner could be challenged by other funded providers, however given the timescales it was not appropriate to hold an open grants round. All organisations that currently provide interventions for victims of crime were written to and informed of this funding opportunity and therefore a challenge from any of the organisations that support victims is unlikely.

8 Strategic policing requirement

Although it is unlikely that this decision will have direct implications on current national strategic policing requirements, a number of our contracted services work in partnership with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary and refer into the services.

9 Equalities

The funding will be given to organisations and services that have been through a robust procurement process that has ensured the advancement of equality of opportunity for everyone is promoted in all tender documentation related to the contract, including the Service Specification.

This funding will go to services that support vulnerable people, many of whom have protected characteristics. All services are required to contribute towards the elimination of unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; the advancement of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and the fostering of good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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10 Data Protection implications

The Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office will not hold personal data of the people who access the services provided by this funding. Contracted providers are required to adhere to data protection legislation as part of their contracts.

11 Publication status

This report is suitable to be published.

12 Personnel consulted

The following personnel were consulted on the Decision Request.

Table 3 - Personnel consulted

| Role | Organisation | Confirmation of consultation (insert 'Yes' if applicable) |
|--|--------------|--|
| Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner | OPCC | Yes |
| Chief Executive | OPCC | |
| Chief Finance Officer | OPCC (HCC) | Yes |
| OPCC/Hampshire Constabulary liaison | OPCC / HC | |
| Head of Criminal Justice, Commissioning & Partnerships | OPCC | Yes |
| Head of Business | OPCC | |
| Head of Estate | OPCC | |
| Accountant | OPCC (HCC) | |
| Deputy Monitoring Officer | OPCC (HCC) | |
| Head of Strategic Procurement | HCC | |
| Commissioning and Grants Business Manager | OPCC | Yes |
| Data Protection Officer | OPCC | |
| <i>[others as appropriate]</i> | | |

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OPCC - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
HCC - Hampshire County Council
HC - Hampshire Constabulary

13 Appendices

None.

14 Background papers

None.