



DECISION: 2017-29	DATE: 30th October, 2017
TITLE:	VULNERABLE PERSONS PROJECT
REPORT BY:	LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH CRIME, REOFFENDING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEAD

Executive Summary

The Commissioner has a statutory duty to publish a Police and Crime Plan which sets out the priorities for Lancashire. The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 outlines the following priorities:

1. Protect local policing
2. Tackling crime and reoffending
3. Supporting vulnerable people and victims
4. Developing safe and confident communities

The Commissioner has supported numerous initiatives to help tackle crime and reoffending. For example allocating monies to the three top tier authorities annually towards substance misuse services specifically for peer support and mentoring or abstinence based programmes.

The vulnerable persons project supports individuals with complex needs through advocacy and intensive care management.

This decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £19,000 from the Crime & Reoffending Budget for the project outlined in Appendix A.

Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the use of £19,000 from the Crime & Reoffending budget to support the vulnerable persons project as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature

Clive Grunshaw

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

6th November 2017

PART I

1. Background and Advice

In the past the Commissioner has supported the MEAM (Making Every Adult Matter) project. The PCC allocated £96,854 in 2014/15, £48,424 for 2015/16 and a further £12,106 in 2016/17 equating to £157,384 overall.

Following conversations with colleagues from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and various partners, Blackburn with Darwen reviewed the MEAM project.

The vulnerable persons project combines three initiatives into one; MEAM, Street Reach and Re-Connect to support vulnerable people and in particular those at the risk of offending. The programme will provide advocacy and intensive care management to people with multiple and complex needs: homelessness, substance misuse, mental health and offending behaviours.

Whilst the re-connect aspect aims to support an individual to move back to an area where they have better peer and family networks. The offer to individuals includes elements of re-settlement, accommodation and GP registration.

Blackburn with Darwen borough council has £8,000 confirmed match funding from Blackburn BID (Business Improvement District) and are requesting £19,000 from the Commissioner to enable the vulnerable persons project to run for two years from January 2018 to December 2019.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The allocation of this funding demonstrates the Commissioner's commitment to supporting projects which help deliver the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

The vulnerable persons project will target the most vulnerable members of the community through advocacy and intensive care management with the aim to improve mental and emotional health and prevent offending / reoffending.

Priorities supported: Supporting vulnerable people and victims
 Tackling crime and reoffending

3. Consultation

Nothing to consider.

4. Implications

a. Legal

None to consider.

b. Financial

To approve the use of £19,000 from the Crime and Reoffending budget.

This application is compliant with the PCC's commissioning framework, and is being co-commissioned with other funding priorities.



c. Equality considerations

None to consider.

5. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 6/11/17
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature...  ... Date... 6.11.2012</p>	

