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DECISION 2015/82	DATE: 21ST MARCH 2016
TITLE: LANCASHIRE VICTIM SERVICES – ONGOING PROVISION OF SERVICES	
REPORT BY: ROBERT RUSTON – VICTIMS, PARTNERSHIPS & COMMISSIONING MANAGER	

Executive Summary

1. The Commissioner has received indication of funding of £1,619,189.22 from the Ministry of Justice for victims services in 2016-2017;
2. Lancashire Victim Services has been established to provide a range of services and support for victims of crime in Lancashire in line with the statutory requirement of Police and Crime Commissioners and in support of the Commissioner's Priorities
3. This Decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £680,835.00 from the MoJ Victims Grant Funding 2016/17 for the commissioning/joint commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services, Rape & Sexual Abuse Services for Young People, Restorative Justice Services and Hate Crime Support Services. Details of the service are provided in Appendix B,
4. If this Decision is confirmed, there will be a balance of £938,354.22 remaining in the Victims Grant Fund 2016/17 for allocation against other victim support services.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Victims Grant Fund as outlined in Appendix B and to note the implications in respect of funding that could be available for future victim support services.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

23.3.16

1. Background and Advice

The Commissioner has a statutory duty to provide services of support for victims of crime in Lancashire.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

Supporting all victims of crime is a Priority in the Police and Crime Plan and supporting victims of domestic abuse is one of the key aims under the Protecting Vulnerable People priority

3. Consultation

Victims and Stakeholders have been consulted through the Lancashire Victims Service Conference, 'Here For You' held in March 2016.

4. Implications**a. Legal**

There are no legal comments in relation to this paper.

b. Financial

The proposed allocation is contained within the grant funding from the Ministry of Justice

c. Equality considerations

There are no Equality comments in relation to this paper



5. Background Papers

None

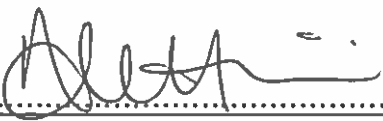
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Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 23/3/16
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 23/3/16
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)	

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.

Signature..........Date.....23.3.16.....

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE VICTIM GRANT FUNDING 2016/17

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

1. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AREA

The Commissioner agreed to provide up to £200,000 of funding to the joint commissioning process for Domestic Abuse Services to enable service provision to continue until 31 March 2017.

Proposal: That the Commissioner continues to provide funding in 2016-17 for Domestic Abuse services in the LCC area of no more than **£200,000**.

2. BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN AREA

The Commissioner provided £51,000 in 2015-16 towards Domestic Abuse services in the Blackburn with Darwen area.

Proposal: In line with Domestic Abuse being one of the Commissioner's priorities the Commissioner continues to work with Blackburn with Darwen Council to commission domestic abuse services at a similar level in 2016-17 of **£51,000**.

3. BLACKPOOL AREA

The Commissioner provided £51,000 in 2015-16 towards Domestic Abuse services in the Blackpool area.

Proposal: In line with Domestic Abuse being one of the Commissioner's priorities the Commissioner continues to work with Blackpool Council to commission domestic abuse services at a similar level in 2016-17 of **£51,000**.

RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

1. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNSELLING & THERAPY SERVICE

The Commissioner provided funding of £99,659 in 2015-16 to enable Trust House and The Birchall Trust to provide a counselling and therapy service for children and young people who are victims of sexual abuse. This funding provided a service for a 10 month period from June 2015 to March 2016.

Proposal: That the Commissioner provides funding of **£120,000** to enable the service to continue to be delivered for the 12 month period from April 2016 to March 2017.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

1. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TEAM

The Commissioner has previously provided funding for a Restorative Justice Team, based at Lancashire Constabulary and consisting on an RJ Manager, 3 x RJ Co-ordinators (FTE) and Administration Support

Proposal: That the Commissioner provides **£47,906** to support the provision of an RJ Team at Lancashire Constabulary until March 2017.

2. COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PANELS

The Commissioner has previously provided £5000 funding for the establishment and development of Restorative Justice Panels with volunteer RJ Facilitators.

Proposal: That the Commissioner provides **£5000** to support the development of further Community Restorative Justice Panels and additional training for existing Panels.

3. PRISON VICTIM AWARENESS COURSE

The Commissioner has previously provided £15,098 funding to support the development and delivery of a Prison Victims Awareness Course to four Lancashire prisons to a total of 210 offenders. Funding is requested to enable delivery of courses to continue until March 2017

Proposal: That the Commissioner provides **£15,098** to support the ongoing delivery of courses in four Lancashire prisons.

HATE CRIME SUPPORT SERVICES

1. VICTIMS VOICE

The Commissioner has previously provided £136,950 funding for the development and delivery of services for victims of hate crime by the Victims Voice consortium for the period July 2015 – March 2016.

Proposal: That the Commissioner provides a further **£190,831** to support the delivery of the service for a further 12 month period, to include £45,530 already committed in Decisions 2015/17.