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DECISION 2015/84	DATE: 21ST MARCH 2016
TITLE: LANCASHIRE VICTIM SERVICES – CONTINUATION OF VICTIM SUPPORT CONTRACT	
REPORT BY: ROBERT RUSTON VICTIMS, COMMISSIONING & PARTNERSHIPS 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 approve the continuation of a Lancashire based solution for the provision of victims' services and to approve the option to extend the contract with Victim Support (as a sole supplier) for a further 12 month. All the terms and conditions of the Contract remain the same.
4. Victim Support have indicated that, following an internal restructure, they are able to provide the 12 month extension to the Contract with a 6.3% reduction in cost

Recommendation

That the Commissioner approve:

1. The continuation of a Lancashire based model for the delivery of victim services in 2016/17
2. That the Contract with Victim Support is extended in line with the option provided in the original Decision for Victim Support to provide victim services in Lancashire (Decision 2015/73)

Signature	
Police and Crime Commissioner	
Date	

PART I

Appendix A

1. Background and Advice

Victim Support have been subject to quarterly performance reviews which have demonstrated their ability to deliver against the agreed Contract. Formal quarterly performance reviews will continue in 2016/17.

Lancashire Victim Services continues to develop with further additional specialist services starting delivery in 2016/17. The extension of the contract with Victim Support provides a consistent delivery of the core victim services while specialist services are developed and embedded.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the Commissioner's Priorities including the priority to "Champion the Rights of Victims".

This proposal seeks to continue the established Lancashire Victim Services approach for a further 12 month period.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

This proposal to extend the contract with Victim Support is within the terms and conditions of the existing contract and is proposing no changes or variations to that contract.

b. Financial

The proposed allocation of funding is contained in the grant funding from the Ministry of Justice for Victim Services in 2016/17

c. Equality considerations

It is not consider that the contents of this proposal and the subsequent delivery of service proposed will disproportionately affect any protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010.




5. Background Papers

None

6. 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	 23/8/16
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 23/8/16
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.....20/8/16</p>	

PART II

Restricted Information:

Financial:

1. The anticipated cost of the provision of services under the 12 month extension to the original contract agreed with Victim Support is £659,164.00
2. This amount represents a reduction in costs by Victim Support of approximately 6.3% when compared with the original contract value for 2015/16. This represents a saving to the Commissioner of £44,836.00