



DECISION PAPER

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TITLE: MOJ FUNDING BID-ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FOR ADDITIONAL ISVA SUPPORT.

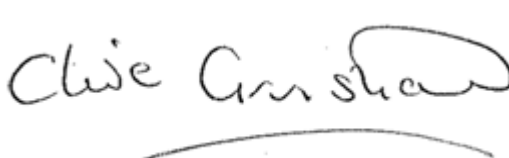
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Executive Summary- The PCC has been successful in securing additional funding to support the temporary recruitment of 3 CHISVA and 2 ISVA for the Lancashire Victim Services commission.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to note and accept the additional funding from the Ministry of Justice, in respect of the additional funding for CHISVA and ISVA support up to March 2022.

Signature



Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 15 July 2020

PART II

1. Background and Advice

- 1.1. On 5th February 2020, the PCC responded to a request for expressions of interest advertised by the Ministry of Justice. The bid was in respect of the recruitment of additional Independent Sexual Advisors (ISVA), with a minimum funding commitment up to 31st March 2022, should we be successful. With the assistance of Lancashire Victim Services, a bid was submitted for both CHISVA (Children's Independent Sexual Advocate) and ISVA support.
- 1.2. On 23rd March 2020, we received notification that the bid had been partially successful, and that funding had been secured for 3 CHISVA at a cost of £131,552 pa, a total of £263,104 for the 2 years.
- 1.3. On 12th June 2020 we were re-contacted by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) asking if we would like to be considered again (using our original bid submission), in a further attempt to secure the remaining monies. We agreed to this request, and on 8th July 2020, we were contacted again by the MOJ to say that, we had been again successful in our further bid.
- 1.4. The funding is subject to MOJ Grant agreements and the total funding now secured is as follows:
 - 3 x CHISVA at £131,552 pa (x2 years) = £263,104
 - 2 X ISVA (20/21) =£65,897
 - 2 x ISVA (21/22) =£87,863
- 1.5. The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to note and accept the additional temporary funding of £416,864 (with a minimum commitment from the MOJ up to 31st March 2022. This is assumed to mean that funding is currently guaranteed up until 31st March 2022)

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

- 2.1. The additional funding will directly support victims and vulnerable people in Lancashire, and in particular, young people who have been victims of sexual abuse/violence. It will also assist in reducing waiting times, which will be extremely beneficial as the Covid-19 easing restrictions come into force, and when we may see an increase in referrals.

3. Consultations

- 3.1. Consultation has taken place with both Lancashire Victim Services and the Ministry of Justice regarding the bid, and its resultant additional funding.

4. Implications:

- a. **Legal-** The additional funding is subject to signature of the MOJ Grant Agreement by the Chief Finance Officer. Regular grant monitoring will also be taking place on an ongoing basis.
- b. **Financial-** The amount of £416,864 has been secured in line with the timeline stated in the grant agreement in order to provide for the recruitment of further additional temporary ISVA/CHISVA for LVS.
- c. **Equality Impact Assessment-** There have been no equality issues Identified.
- d. **Data Protection Impact Assessment-**No data protection issues have been identified.

5. Risk Management-

- 5.1. No significant risks regarding delivery have been identified. LVS carry the necessary insurance and indemnity should they be unable to fulfil their legal commitment.

6. Background Papers-

- 6.1. MOJ invitation and supporting bids

7. Public access to information

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Chief Executive Officer (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.....