

ORIGINATOR: POLICY OFFICER, OPCC

DECISION NO. 7 - 2016

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: SURVIVORS IN TRANSITION: MALE ISVA SERVICE

SUMMARY:

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017.
2. This report seeks approval to award a Victim Services Grant to Survivors in Transition for £31,804 to fund a Male Independent Sexual Violence Advisor for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.
3. The proposed grant will support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan through providing a high quality service to victims of sexual violence.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the PCC approves a grant of up to £31,804 to Survivors in Transition for a Male ISVA for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Signature



for PCC

Date 10 February 2016

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
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- This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to award a grant of £31,804 to Survivors in Transition (SiT) to provide a Male Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) to work across Suffolk with men who have experienced sexual abuse or violence.

2 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Following the issue of the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 work has been on-going to ensure that the Police and Crime Objectives and the Plan's principal themes will be achieved.
- 2.2 The PCC has engaged extensively to pursue the ambitions set out within the Police and Crime Plan, including the provision of high quality services to victims and vulnerable people.
- 2.3 The proposed grant will provide specialist support to male victims of sexual violence and will contribute to Police and Crime Plan through: ensuring a joined up approach to prevent and respond to sexual abuse statutory and voluntary services; improving trust and confidence in the criminal justice system; and improving the solved rate for serious sexual offences.

3 SURVIVORS IN TRANSITION – MALE ISVA

- 3.1 Survivors in Transition is a support centre for men and women who have experienced any form of sexual abuse in their childhood. The organisation was formed in 2009 and became a registered charity in 2011. The organisation is based in Ipswich but provides services including group sessions, telephone, email and online support, specialist counselling and therapy across Suffolk.
- 3.2 Data from Suffolk Constabulary¹ shows that, in the 12 months to the end of September 2015 there were 13 reports of rape of males aged 16 and over, 15 reports of rape of a male child under 13, and 20 reports of rape a male child under 16 to the Constabulary. This data includes attempted offences and indicates significant increase on the three year average. Similar increases are seen in the number of reported serious sexual offences against males where there were 51 reports of sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over and 40 reports of sexual assault on a male child under 13 in the year to September 2015. Research suggests that this is an under-reported crime and this being so, the real number of SSO incidents against males is likely to be greater.
- 3.3 Survivors in Transition report that males comprise 46% of their current client list, having risen from around 25% in previous years. The long-term effects of sexual

¹ Report to the PCC Accountability and Performance Panel 15 December 2015: Serious Sexual Offences (AP15/80). Suffolk Constabulary.

violence on victims can include depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, drug and substance misuse, self-harm and suicide. However, according to the SiT business plan, victims who receive the support they need when they need it are much more likely to take positive steps to recovery.

- 3.4 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors assist victims of rape or other serious sexual offences to access support and advice and offer additional support during the criminal justice process. There are currently three ISVAs working in the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), one of which supports child victims. Acute cases are allocated an ISVA immediately whereas for non-recent cases there is a waiting list of up to eight weeks. Male victims whose assault involves penetration are supported by the established ISVA service. Victims of all other offence types will be supported by the new male ISVA.
- 3.5 The role will be a full time position for the period April 2016 to March 2017 to support and manage the delivery of services to victims during the criminal justice process. The male ISVA will support men who have reported any serious sexual offence, with the majority of cases expected to be non-recent.

4 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- 4.1 The grant award will be made on the basis that financial data and monitoring information will be supplied to enable the PCC to develop an understanding of demand and impact of the grant. An interim report will be submitted to the PCC by 30 September 2016 and a final report provided by 30 April 2017.
- 4.2 The intended outputs and outcomes SiT will report on are set out below and will be measured using monthly data and statistics, analysis of police data, partner agency reports and service user feedback including psychometric scales.
- 4.3 Monitoring of outputs will include data on:
- Number of victims supported.
 - Profile of victims (ethnicity/sexual orientation/age/location etc.).
 - Proportion of non-recent cases.
 - Type of support offered.
 - Number of referrals into the service and from which agencies.
 - Outcomes at closure (e.g. client no longer wanted support, referred on etc.).
 - Number of referrals out of the service for relevant support (e.g. counselling, specialist services).
 - Number of victims who had not presented to the police.
 - Number of safeguarding referrals.
 - Average length of support.
 - Completion and analysis of evaluation by victims regarding the support provided and the impact the service has had.
- 4.4 Intended outcomes include:
- Improve the solved rate for serious sexual offences through:
 - o Providing direct one to one support to male survivors through the whole criminal justice process (report to court), advocating and helping the individual maintain control where possible.
 - o Encouraging male survivors to report sexual offences to police.
 - Ensure a joined up approach to prevent and respond to sexual abuse across statutory and voluntary services and improve trust and confidence in the criminal justice system through:
 - o Developing a working relationship with the SARC and established ISVA service.

- Ensuring positive and constructive relationships are maintained with the police, CPS, Witness Services, and other agencies to the benefit of the male survivor.
 - Liaising with Police, CPS, Courts, Judiciary, Prisons, Probation, Victim Support and Witness Services with and on behalf of male survivors.
 - Identifying as main point of contact for Police, CPS, Courts, Judiciary, Prisons and Probation in respect of support for male survivors and individual cases.
- Improved health and wellbeing through:
 - Increased self-confidence and esteem for male survivors of sexual violence.
 - Reduced symptoms of trauma and anxiety for male victims of sexual violence.
 - Improved access to healthcare services (sexual health, emergency health and substance misuse).
 - Increased safety and perceptions of safety through:
 - Reduced risk assessment.
 - Improved perception of safety.
 - Male survivors:
 - Feeling informed through increased awareness of services available, victim rights and choices.
 - Having an improved experience of the Criminal Justice System.
 - Feeling supported and informed about developments in their case.
 - Overall satisfaction with the process and support.

5 MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1 Full 'Conditions of Award' including conditions relating to transfer of funds, monitoring, and publicity and marketing are specified separately.
- 5.2 This award is a one-off award and outputs/outcomes should be delivered in the period 1 April 2016 to 30 March 2017.
- 5.3 The grant recipient may not use the award for any activities other than those set out in the Decision Paper or as approved in writing by the PCC.
- 5.4 The grant recipient must be able to demonstrate that they are managing the grant in an efficient and effective manner, and are actively seeking to minimise bureaucracy and streamline processes in order to deliver the best possible outcomes.
- 5.5 Payment will be made within 21 working days of the receipt of a payment request and must be accompanied by the appropriate monitoring information.
- 5.6 The PCC will not pay in advance of need. If the PCC reasonably believes that payment is being made in advance of need, the PCC may change the timing and/or the amount of any payments.
- 5.7 The grant recipient will provide an interim report on financial expenditure and outputs/outcomes to the PCC by 30 September and a final report 30 April 2017.
- 5.8 The grant recipient must notify the PCC as soon as reasonably practicable if the organisation ceases operation, the project does not go ahead, or if an underspend is forecast. Any underspend must be returned to the PCC.
- 5.9 By accepting the award from the PCC the grant recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publicly and must acknowledge their funding from the PCC in all promotional work. Any recipients of funding must display the PCC's

logo in all publicity for the life of the initiative. Logo artwork can be provided upon request. Any exceptions must be agreed with the PCC.

- 5.10 The grant recipient will liaise with the PCC's Communications Manager to agree a communications plan.
- 5.11 The grant recipient must be able to evidence appropriate safeguarding procedures for those using their services and have due regard for the Local Children Safeguarding Board policies and guidance. The grant recipient must ensure that its services, policies, training, recruitment, vetting and referral processes appropriately safeguard children and vulnerable adults.
- 5.12 Where the grant recipient provides services to victims of domestic abuse (who could also be victims of serious sexual offences), they would be expected to contribute to the countywide review of domestic abuse (and mapping).
- 5.13 The grant recipient shall ensure that third party recipients have adequate insurance coverage (including but not limited to public liability insurance) in place and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the PCC on request.
- 5.14 The PCC accepts no liability to the grant recipient or any third party recipients for any costs, claims, damage or losses, however they are incurred, except for to the extent that they arise from personal injury or death which is caused by the PCC's negligence.
- 5.15 The grant recipient agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by the grant recipient or out of any breach of any of the conditions of award.

6 SERVICE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has consulted with Suffolk Constabulary regarding the award of this grant. All queries raised have been resolved to the Constabulary's satisfaction.
- 6.2 At the request of the Constabulary co-location of the ISVA at the SARC is deemed desirable. The role will initially be based at SiT whilst co-location is agreed with the Constabulary.
- 6.3 There should be service and financial benefits in terms of reduced costs and resource implications on the Constabulary. The new resource should assist with the current caseload experienced by ISVAs in the SARC and reduce waiting times for victims.
- 6.4 Research indicates that a good service response not only helps victims cope and recover more quickly but also helps to reduce demand on resources over the longer term.
- 6.5 The proposed grant of £31,804 comprising the male ISVA salary (scale 6), training, travel and evaluation.

7 RISKS

- 7.1 There are no risks flowing from the consideration of this report.

7.2 An assessment of risk in delivery of the service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought, the duration of delivery and the grant recipient's history of delivery and ability to deliver. The monitoring arrangements outlined in the conditions of award reflect the fact that Survivors in Transition has previously provided satisfactory monitoring information to the PCC. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, the grant recipient is required to notify the PCC.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £31,804 to Survivors in Transition for a Male ISVA for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

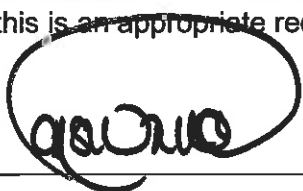
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

 Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:



Date

10/2/16