



Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner

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ORIGINATOR: POLICY OFFICER (LH)

DECISION NO.

24-2017

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: SURVIVORS IN TRANSITION: MALE ISVA SERVICE EXTENSION

SUMMARY:

1. In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 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

In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services are commissioned are consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.

2. This report recommends the award of a grant to Survivors in Transition for £6,885 to continue the employment of the Independent Sexual Violence Advisor for a further three months (until 18 October 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. It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £6,885 to Survivors in Transition for a Male ISVA for the period 18 July 2017 to 18 October 2017.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Signature

Tina Parnore

Date

6th September
2017

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Police and Crime Commissioners 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.
- 1.2 In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017–2021.
- 1.3 This report seeks approval to award a grant of £6,885 to Survivors in Transition (SiT) to extend the employment of the Male Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) until 18 October to continue work with survivors of sexual violence.

2 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Following the issue of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 work has been on-going to deliver against the Police and Crime Plan.
- 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 extend the current Male ISVA service at Survivors in Transition for a further 3 months specialist support to 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, enhancing trust and confidence in the criminal justice system, and better responding to the needs of victims of sexual abuse.

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 The PCC awarded a grant of £31,804 to Survivors in Transition for a Male ISVA ([PCC Decision 7-2016](#)). The Male ISVA commenced employment in July 2016 and SiT have supplied the PCC with regular monitoring information.
- 3.3 In June 2017 SiT requested continuation funding for the post. At that point, the Male ISVA had a case load of 24 clients (16 men and 8 women) and had provided over 40 clients with Information and guidance around reporting options, the criminal justice process, civil claims and compensation advice.
- 3.4 The OPCC is mindful that there has recently been investment in additional ISVA resource at the Sexual Assault and Referral Centre (SARC) in Suffolk. Having considered this and the monitoring information provided to date, it is proposed that the PCC should fund the employment of the Male ISVA at SiT for a further three months in order to support the current case load to conclusion.

4 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- 4.1 The grant award will be made on the basis that financial data and monitoring information as set out in Decision 7-2016 will continue be supplied to the PCC. A final report will be submitted to the PCC by 30 November 2017.

5 SERVICE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed grant of £6,885 comprises the Male ISVA salary, travel and evaluation for a period of three months.
- 5.2 Full conditions of award are set out at Appendix A to this paper.

6 RISKS

- 6.1 There are no risks flowing from the consideration of this report.
- 6.2 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.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £6,885 to Survivors in Transition for a Male ISVA for the period 18 July 2017 to 18 October 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

1 September 2017