

**ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION NO. 13-2015**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)**

**SUBJECT: WAVENEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE  
FORUM – SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

**SUMMARY:**

1. In October 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner assumed responsibility for the commissioning of victims' services. The PCC's key objective is to deliver effective victims' services to all Suffolk victims of crime according to their needs and regardless of their geographic location or any other factor.
2. This report seeks approval to award £30,000 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to support victims of domestic violence and abuse. This purpose of this grant is to help the service satisfy increasing levels of unmet demand across Suffolk and build the capacity, capability and sustainability of the service to be able to continue to satisfy demand.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

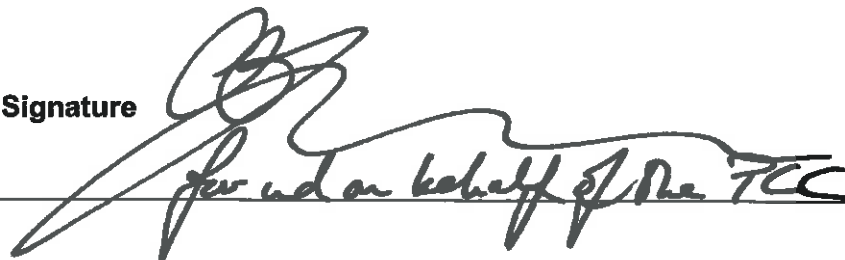
It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a victims' services grant of £30,000 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to provide services for victims of domestic violence and abuse.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation is agreed.

Signature



*for and on behalf of the PCC*

Date 16 February 2015

## **DETAILS OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In October 2014 the PCC assumed responsibility for commissioning victims' services. The PCC's key objective is to deliver effective victims' services to all victims of crime according to their needs and regardless of their geographic location or any other factor.
- 1.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
- secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.3 This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- 1.4 The PCC's victims commissioning approach will prioritise grant applications which:
- (a) fulfil the requirement to provide services for victims who are entitled to enhanced services, and
- (b) address gaps in service provision.
- 1.5 Decisions on commissioning are made on the basis of those which are considered to have the greatest likelihood of delivering the best possible outcome, in terms of helping victims to cope and recover from their experience, and the process will take into account the following:
- Innovation - an innovative approach to delivering victims' services;
  - Working in partnership/collaboration - working in partnership or collaboration with one or more additional victims' services providers;
  - Hard to reach/hear groups – services that are aimed at supporting victims from hard to reach/hear groups;
  - Gaps in services – services that will address an unmet need/gap in services.
- 1.6 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award 'Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum' a grant of £30,000.

### **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 will be achieved. The Police and Crime Plan sets out a clear commitment to providing services that meet the needs of victims of crime and vulnerable people.
- 2.2 Since the publication of the plan the PCC has engaged extensively to pursue the ambitions set out within the Plan, including the provision of high quality services to victims and vulnerable people and to prevent and respond to sexual offences.

### **3 WAVENEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE FORUM**

- 3.1 'Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum' is based in Lowestoft, Suffolk and provides a wide range of support services to victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- 3.2 In 2014/15 there have been significant increased demands for services. In recognition of the need to satisfy increased levels of unmet demand, and to build capacity, capability and sustainability to continue to satisfy demand it is proposed to award a grant to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum.

#### **4 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES**

- 4.1 The grant award will be made on the basis that monitoring information on the outputs and outcomes achieved from the use of this funding will be supplied to the PCC. This will enable the PCC to develop an understanding of the demand upon the service and the impact of the grant.

#### **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 but include the following.
- 5.2 This award is a one-off award and is made on the condition that the grant recipient uses the grant for the purposes described. In the event that the grant is not used for these purposes the monies must be repaid to the PCC.
- 5.3 The grant recipient must comply with the conditions placed upon the PCC by the MoJ grant agreement which includes strict criteria regarding use of the grant and monitoring requirements.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 The grant recipient will provide a report on financial expenditure and outputs/outcomes to the PCC by 4 March 2015. Funds will be released once monitoring information has been received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. No funds will be released until the monitoring information is provided.
- 5.7 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. All underspends must be returned to the PCC.
- 5.8 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.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 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.
- 5.11 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 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no other financial implications over and above the grant of £30,000 for the financial year 2014/15.

## **7 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

7.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from the consideration of this paper.

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

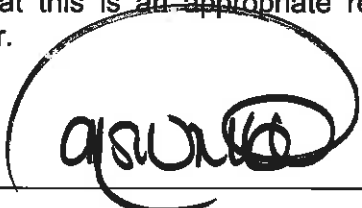
8.1 It is recommended that:

8.1.1 The PCC approves a grant of £30,000 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum' to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and abuse.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
Has the 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 - NONE
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
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

#### APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

<p><b>Approved on behalf of the:</b>  <b>Chief Executive</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Signature:</b>  <b>Date</b> 16/02/15 .</p>	
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