

ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NO. 20-2015

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

**SUBJECT: ANGLIA CARE TRUST – MALE VICTIMS SUPPORT;
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOPS; FINANCIAL
ADVICE SERVICES**

SUMMARY:

1. In October 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner assumed responsibility for 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 £57,706 to Anglia Care Trust to plan and continue delivery of three services to victims of domestic abuse: i) financial advice services; ii) workshops for vulnerable young victims; and iii) advice and guidance to male victims. This grant will help build capacity and capability to continue these services, and to satisfy high levels of unmet demand across Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a victims' services grant of £57,706 to Anglia Care Trust to continue the delivery of three services to victims of domestic abuse i) financial advice services, ii) workshops for vulnerable young victims and iii) advice and guidance to male victims.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation is agreed.

Signature

Tina Parnore

Date 27/02/2015

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 Commissioning decisions will be 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 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 recommend that Anglia Care Trust receives a grant of £57,706 to continue to provide support to male victims, domestic violence workshops in schools and financial advice.

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 domestic abuse.

3 ANGLIA CARE TRUST

- 3.1 Anglia Care Trust is a charity dedicated to supporting vulnerable people within the community. It specialises in preventative, community based services, giving people the stability, support and challenge to enable them to realise their full potential. It delivers a range of projects promoting the well-being of children, young people, adults and families alike.
- 3.2 The grant will be used to continue to build capacity and capability, and to satisfy high levels of unmet demand across Suffolk in relation to three distinct service areas:

i) Financial advice to victims of domestic abuse £19,526

The grant will enable the financial advice service to continue to be offered within the community to facilitate ease of access and will be available to both male and females. Victims will be able to meet with specialist staff who will advise them with regard to their financial affairs. In addition, follow-up case work can take place with individuals (and families). The new grant will support the service to be provided for additional days between 1 February to 30 June 2015.

ii) Workshops for vulnerable young victims of domestic abuse £26,021

The grant will enable workshops in high schools across Suffolk for young people who have been affected by domestic abuse and are vulnerable to the long term effects, such as becoming involved in abusive relationships themselves, or being at risk of sexual exploitation. Anglia Care Trust has received a previous grant to start this work and this grant will support provision across more schools in the county and will be held in both urban and rural schools. The sessions will be divided into separate groups for girls and boys. The group will aim to help girls recognise what makes an abusive relationship and what a healthy relationship looks like. The group will look at gender stereotyping, healthy relationships and building self-esteem. Boys who have witnessed domestic abuse are less likely to be skilled in understanding how others feel and to be able to look at others' perspectives, so the groups will focus on this. This grant is awarded from 1 February 2015 to 31 December 2015 to include set up/planning for the summer and autumn terms and delivery into the autumn term.

iii) Advice and guidance for male victims of domestic abuse £12,159

The grant will enable additional advice and guidance sessions for male victims of domestic abuse and associated support work. Sessions will be held in the community and victims will be able to meet with a Specialist Male Victim Support Worker. Male victims face particular issues when faced with domestic abuse, and there are few services available to them in Suffolk. Advice and guidance sessions will be held across the county in order to make it equitable to all and will be available for men in heterosexual or same sex relationships. The new grant will support the service to be provided for additional days between 1 February to 30 June 2015.

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 progress report on financial expenditure and outputs/outcomes to the PCC for the period up to the 31 March 2015 before 14 April 2015 and a further report at the end of the grant period. No funds will be released until this monitoring information has been provided. The monitoring information will distinguish between the grant provided for the Competed Fund and this funding which will enable additional service to be supplied.
- 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 It is proposed to award a grant of £57,706 to Anglia Care Trust for delivery of the services listed above.

7 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

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

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

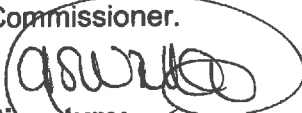
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ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
Has the Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including 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

for and on behalf of: 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 27/2/2015