

**ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF
EXECUTIVE**

DECISION NUMBER: 29-2015

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF GRANT: WAVENEY DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE FORUM – RAPE CRISIS
SERVICE**

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 for an award of £6,080 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum for Rape Crisis services.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a grant of £6,080 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum for Rape Crisis services.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Tim Hammond

Date 18/05/2015

DETAIL 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 £6,080.

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 was established over 30 years ago in the Waveney area. It is a registered charity and its aim is to reduce and prevent domestic abuse within the Waveney area. The forum works locally with over 40 statutory and voluntary agencies and provides a wide range of support services victims of domestic violence and abuse.

- 3.2 The PCC has previously part funded Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to build capacity and capability to provide a Rape Crisis service and to satisfy high levels of unmet demand in the area of Waveney. Evaluation from the service shows that between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2015, there were 18 referrals, and 153 hour long sessions were delivered. Feedback from clients using the service evidences how they have been able to cope and recover.
- 3.3 The grant will be used to deliver rape crisis services to seven clients who have already commenced counselling. The award will provide for 122 counselling sessions and includes the cost of the venue. Counselling is delivered to adult victims of sexual abuse from all backgrounds on a one to one basis by a trained and experienced sexual abuse counsellor.

4 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- 4.1 The intended outputs and outcomes Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum will report on are set out below.
- Number of victims supported.
 - Number of trauma therapy sessions delivered.
 - Number of referrals into the service and from which agencies.
 - Number of victims who had not presented to the police.
 - Profile of victims (ethnicity/gender/sexual orientation/age, etc.).
 - Breakdown of type of abuse e.g. physical, emotional, sexual.
 - Number of safeguarding referrals.
 - Completion and analysis of evaluation by victims and therapist regarding the support provided and the impact the service has had.
- 4.2 The grant award will be made on the basis that monitoring information will be supplied to enable the PCC to develop an understanding of demand and 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 an interim report on financial expenditure and outputs/outcomes to the PCC by 14 August 2015 and a final report by 13 November 2015 and provide copies of invoices from the service provider (therapist/counsellor).
- 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. Any underspend 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 will liaise with the PCC's Communications Manager to agree a communications plan.
- 5.10 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.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 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 £6,080 for the period until 31 October 2015.
- 6.2 The funding will be allocated from the Victims' Services Grant Fund for 2015/16.

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 £6,080 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum for Rape Crisis services.

| 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? | N/A |
| 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 (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

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 (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).

Signature:

Date 15 May 2015

