

ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NO. 42 - 2014

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

**SUBJECT: VICTIMS' SERVICES PREPARATORY FUND –
WAVENEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE
FORUM TRAUMA THERAPY**

SUMMARY:

1. In November 2013 the Victims Minister announced grants totalling £20.8m would be made available to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for the purposes of victims commissioning. The funding enables PCCs to: fund the development of capacity and capability in potential providers of services for victims; commission restorative justice services; and prepare for local commissioning.
2. Providing high quality services to victims is a key theme in the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk 2013-17. Discussions have recently taken place with Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to help build capacity and capability for counselling services, and to satisfy high levels of unmet demand in the Waveney area.
3. This report seeks approval to award £3,500 from the Victims Service Preparatory Fund to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to deliver Trauma Therapy.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a grant of £3,500 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum.
2. The grant is funded from the Victims' Services Preparatory Fund.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation is agreed.

Signature

Tina Pannone

Date

4/12/2014

DETAILS OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In November 2013 the Victims Minister announced grants totalling £20.8m would be made available to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for the purposes of victims commissioning. This Ministry of Justice funding enables PCCs to:
- build the capacity and capability of potential providers of services for victims (including potential providers of restorative justice services) from the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector;
 - commission restorative justice services if capacity and capability are sufficient in relation to these services;
 - prepare for local commissioning.
- 1.2 This report sets out a proposal for Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to receive a grant of £3,500 for Trauma Therapy sessions to be funded from the Victims' Services Preparatory Fund for Suffolk.

2 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Domestic violence and abuse is one of the Suffolk PCC's priority themes. The PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 sets out objectives to provide high quality services to victims and ensure a joined up approach to prevent and respond to domestic violence and abuse.
- 2.2 The PCC is committed to working with partners to tackle domestic violence and abuse and has carried out many activities to contribute to the work to address domestic violence and abuse in Suffolk. A number of grants have been awarded to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations dealing with domestic abuse and violence.
- 2.3 The PCC is keen to ensure victims can access timely and quality support services.

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 to help clients escape domestic violence and abuse. The forum provides a range of services and promotes the importance of partnership working to prioritise the safety of adults, young people & children.
- 3.2 The grant will be used to help build capacity and capability for counselling services, supporting Trauma Therapy which tackles the emotional effects of domestic violence on victims. The grant will help satisfy high levels of unmet demand in the Waveney area. More information on the proposed activity can be found in Annex A

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 (70).
 - 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.) – in order to help needs assessment for future services.
- 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 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum 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 Payment of the award does not confer any ongoing obligation by the PCC to make payments beyond the grant period to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum.
- 5.4 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum 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 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum will formally report on progress including financial monitoring and the outputs/outcomes of the project. An end of year report on the award of grants and outcomes shall be submitted to the PCC on or before 28 February 2015.
- 5.6 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum 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.
- 5.7 By accepting the award from the PCC, Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publicly and must acknowledge their funding from the PCC in all promotional work.
- 5.8 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum 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.
- 5.9 The PCC accepts no liability to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum 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.
- 5.10 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum 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 £3,500 for the period until 31 January 2015.
- 6.2 The funding will be allocated from the Victims Services Preparatory Fund.
- 6.3 The funding will provide for trauma therapy sessions including costs for the venue, insurance and therapist supervision costs.

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 £3,500 to Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum.
 - 8.1.2 The grant is funded from the Victims' Services Preparatory Fund.

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

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 December 2014*

VICTIM SERVICES PREPARATORY FUND APPLICATION

Name of Organisation	Waveney Domestic Violence & Abuse Forum
Contact Name	Maureen Duckworth
Project/event	Trauma Therapy 2014/2015

What are you seeking to achieve from undertaking this project/event?

We are in the service of supporting domestic violence and abuse victims. We found that victims have very little support and GPs tend to provide medication for the victims' depression and anxieties which might dull the impact of their life experiences, but never really gets to the core of the problems.

Trauma therapy is a flexible method adapted to individual's needs. It consists of thorough, effective techniques to bring about lasting change without the need of recalling traumatic incidents.

In most cases these victims and their children who have suffered terrible abuse and violence have not received any support, counselling or therapy.

We talked to the Mental Health Manager for Suffolk and Norfolk and they do not provide this service.

How does this project/event support the objectives set out in the PCC's Police & Crime Plan?

Waveney has a high level of domestic violence and we are providing a service tackling the emotional effects of domestic violence on victims.

The service will support victims through their traumas and help them move forward.

Changing their lives for the better helping them understand what a healthy relationship can be, freeing them from anxiety.

When do you expect to complete this project/event and what are the expected outcomes?

We hope to keep this service ongoing as we have found that the community has a high level of victims from domestic abuse.

The feedback from the victims who have already received this service has been tremendous and shows how they have suffered for many years. The abuse has impacted on theirs and their family lives.

The results will help to turn their lives around, help them return to work, living a healthy and happier life.

Become their own therapist giving them strategies on how to manage their fears and anxieties.

Expected outcomes

At the moment we have 10 victims receiving on going therapy. They are at different levels in their trauma therapy. We have 4 waiting for the service at this moment.

We have had 45 victims this year with them receiving approximately 6 to 8 sessions each.

We have just designed and circulated a leaflet for this service and we expect the numbers to increase tenfold.

We evaluate every client before and after their therapy and have been over whelmed by the positive comments made by the victims.

The service has changed so many lives for the better and we hope to continue.

Financial breakdown

The amount applied for is £3,500.

Breakdown of cost:

Therapist, £50 per session including venue, insurance and the therapist supervision cost.

70 sessions x £50 = £3,500.

