

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING**

**DECISION NO.**

9-2020

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF GRANT AWARDS**

**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.
2. This report seeks approval to extend the current grants the PCC has awarded for victim services and crime and disorder reduction until the end of September 2020 in order to minimise disruption to services during both the PCC pre-election period and development of a new Police and Crime Plan.
3. The funding will support delivery of the current Police and Crime Plan and delivery of activity under the terms of the Ministry of Justice Victim Services Grant 2020/21.
4. A schedule of grant extensions proposed and funding amounts, totalling £235,500, is set out at Appendix A.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the PCC approves extensions to victim services and crime and disorder reduction grants for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 to the value of £235,500.

**APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The recommendation set out is agreed.

**Signature**

*Tina Parnove*

**Date**

*25<sup>th</sup> February  
2020*

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to award grant extensions to nine organisations for a total of £235,500 for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

### **2. PCC GRANT AWARDS**

- 2.1 A key part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's role is to commission services that help reduce demand on the Constabulary and support victims of crime. In 2019/20 there was a commissioning budget of £1.7m for crime and disorder reduction and victim services. This includes the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) grant of £874,368 to the PCC for the delivery of services to victims of crime including child sexual abuse (CSA). The PCC Fund, managed by Suffolk Community Foundation, funds voluntary sector initiatives up to £20k, also supports the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.2 Each grant is awarded by the PCC on basis of a decision paper which contains the business case including activity to be delivered, financials, outcomes expected, and monitoring arrangements. The decision papers are published on the PCC website.
- 2.3 The PCC election is to be held on 7 May 2020 and the pre-election period will coincide with the start of the financial year (April 2020) when grants would usually be awarded and publicised.
- 2.4 The approach set out in this decision paper provides continuity for victim services and crime and disorder reduction grants over the pre-election period and stability for these services into 2020/21 whilst a new Police and Crime Plan is developed, post PCC election.
- 2.5 Extending victim services grants will mean that the requirements of the Ministry of Justice Victim Services grant to the PCC are met, in particular the provision of services for victims of sexual violence and CSA. These are currently delivered through grant awards from the PCC to three specialist organisations in Suffolk: Suffolk Rape Crisis, Survivors in Transition, Fresh Start New Beginnings.
- 2.6 Extending grants to four organisations supporting survivors of Domestic Abuse, Lighthouse Women's Aid, Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid, Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum and Compassion, will ensure that countywide coverage of support services for victims continues.
- 2.7 Funding supports the Town Pastors across ten schemes that run across Suffolk on Friday and Saturday nights and in delivering support at the Latitude festival. As well as crime and disorder reduction, prevention and supporting vulnerable people Town Pastors actions prevent ambulance calls, A&E admissions and can reduce the demand on police time.
- 2.8 Funding for Suffolk Positive Futures will ensure the continuation of the programme which reaches 2,000 young people a year through evening (and holiday) activities,

upskilling for those not in education or excluded from mainstream school and volunteering opportunities.

2.9 Contractual arrangements are in place for Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care for three years from 1 April 2020 and for the Suffolk IDVA service for three years from 1 October 2018. Additionally the RJ Service is funded until 31 March and there are two smaller grants (Taxi Marshals and the Criminal Exploitation Worker in West Suffolk) that conclude in later in 2020. These services are not affected by this decision paper.

2.10 A full list of grants proposed for extension can be found in Appendix A.

### **3. MONITORING AND OUTCOMES**

3.1 Each grant award has associated monitoring conditions, including data requirements for reporting to the MOJ where applicable. Monitoring of grants is undertaken on a quarterly basis through written reports and meetings where necessary. Conditions are set out in the original decision paper (see Appendix A) and will continue unless any variations are agreed between the PCC and service provider.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Funding of £235,500 is required to support these grant extensions from the PCC's commissioning budget 2020/21.

4.2 The Ministry of Justice have indicated that the grant to the PCC for victim services in 2020/21 will be £886,709. This funding will support the Suffolk IDVA service, Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care and can also be allocated to the extension of victim services grants, included those supporting victims of CSA.

### **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

5.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.

5.2 An assessment of risk in delivery of the service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the values of the grants, the duration of delivery and ability of each provider to deliver.

5.3 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, each organisation is required to notify the PCC as per the conditions of award.

5.4 Full conditions of award can be found in the original decision for each grant award.


### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves extensions to victim services and crime and disorder reduction grants for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 to the value of £235,500.

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
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>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 PCC.</p> <p>Signature:  Date <i>25 February 2020</i></p>
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APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED GRANT EXTENSIONS

Provider/Service	Summary of service	Award Value April – Sept 2020	Decision
Suffolk Rape Crisis	Supporting the helpline and counselling service for girls and women who are victims of sexual violence.	£ 30,000	<a href="#">17 - 2019</a>
Survivors in Transition	Funding for a CSA support worker, Trauma Therapy and general support and advice services for adult survivors of child sexual abuse and services for male victims of recent sexual violence.	£ 30,000	<a href="#">16 - 2019</a>
Fresh Start New Beginnings	Contribution towards running costs of the organisation where specialist support is provided for child victims of sexual violence and abuse.	£ 30,000	<a href="#">22 - 2019</a>
Lighthouse Women's Aid – Women's Centre	Support for the Women's Centre in Ipswich through a contribution to funding to the Centre's Crisis worker, advice and support worker and training co-ordinator.	£ 30,000	<a href="#">13 - 2019</a>
Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre	Support for the Women's Centre in Bury St Edmunds through a contribution in funding to the running costs of the centre and Support Worker.	£ 30,000	<a href="#">14 - 2019</a>
Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum	Funding for the Co-ordinator and contribution to core costs supporting victims of domestic abuse.	£ 10,000	<a href="#">15 - 2019</a>
Compassion	Towards Domestic Abuse Project Manager providing support to women and families who have or are experiencing domestic violence in the Sudbury area.	£ 8,000	<a href="#">21 - 2019</a>
Catch 22 - Suffolk Positive Futures	Contribution towards continued delivery of positive activities with young people across Suffolk. 27 sessions are held each week across the county as well as activities in school holidays.	£ 42,500	<a href="#">15 - 2017</a>
Town Pastors	Contribution towards the continuation of ten Town Pastor schemes in Suffolk & at Latitude, providing help & support to vulnerable people and reducing crime and disorder in the night time economy.	£ 25,000	<a href="#">11 - 2017</a>

**COMMISSIONED SERVICES AND GRANTS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS DECISION**

Provider/Service	Summary of service	Annual Value	Decision
Victim Support - Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care	Contract 2020 –2023 Covering Norfolk and Suffolk, free, confidential support service for victims and witnesses of crime. Available whether or not the victim has reported to the police.	£ 315,000	<a href="#">24 - 2019</a>
Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services - IDVA service	Contract 2018 –2021 for high risk victims of domestic abuse county-wide.	£ 525,000	<a href="#">C16-2018</a>
Suffolk Youth Justice Service – Criminal Exploitation Worker	Introduction of a specialist Criminal Exploitation Worker as part of the Suffolk Youth Justice Service Diversion Programme, specifically working on County Lines exploitation in West Suffolk. Funding runs from 1 December 2019 – 30 November 2020.	£ 31,214	<a href="#">31 - 2019</a>
Taxi Marshals	The grant supports continued delivery of the Taxi Marshal service in Ipswich matched by funding from Ipswich Central and Ipswich Borough Council for the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020.	£ 5,000	<a href="#">35 - 2019</a>
Restorative Justice Service	Joint funding with Norfolk OPCC until 31 March 2021 towards RJ advisor posts to work with victims and offenders who wish to pursue a restorative justice route.	£ 38,000	<a href="#">18 - 2019</a>