

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL
NOTICE OF DECISION
005/2017**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From April 1st 2015, Police and Crime Commissioners took on responsibility for commissioning locally most of the emotional and practical support services for victims of crime that are provided by the voluntary and community sector. These services help victims to cope with and recover from the impacts of crime.

The services that have been commissioned form part of a complex and varied network of support that exists for victims, to ensure that the needs of victims are met through improved services. The Victims Commission, the Commissioners' expert advisory group of representatives from the voluntary and community sector have recommended support services in a number of key areas that the Commissioner needs to address. All services will offer a West Midlands response across areas of critical need and emerging issues. Annex 1 sets out the funding awarded.

DECISION

I approve the allocations set out in the attachment at Annex 1. The allocation for Victim Services is £913,115.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date.....10.2.17

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Funding for victims of crime and responsibility for services for victims of crime transferred to Police and Crime Commissioners on the 1 October 2014. They have responsibility for commissioning locally most of the emotional and practical support services for victims of crime that are provided by the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. These services help victims to cope with and recover from the impacts of crime. Cope and recover are the outcomes which services for victims should be aiming to achieve as far as possible.
2. The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) currently retains responsibility for commissioning certain specialist services and £22 million of the core budget has been allocated for these national services. Support includes services for those bereaved through homicide, rape support centres, court based witness services, human trafficking and some telephone helplines such as BRAKE.
3. The support services outlined at Annex 1 are services recommended to the Commissioner by the Victims Commission who are the expert advisory group that has been working for the last 18 months on the Commissioners hidden crimes priority. At the January meeting of the Strategic Police and Crime Board, the Victims Services report was considered and a link to the report is [here](#).
4. The report sets out the key recommendations in response to the priorities identified and recommended by the Victims Commission. In addition, while we are determining the future delivery service model for the West Midlands regarding Restorative Justice we will continue to fund a small number of projects that deliver (RJ).

Financial Implications

5. The total budget for Victims Services in 2016-17 is £3,319,355.

Legal Implications

6. The funding is issued as a grant under s56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
7. Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and projects they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

Schedule of Background Papers

None

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

Appendix 1

Service Provided	Crime Type	Total allocation
Hate Crime Research	Hate Crime	£22,757
Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference Independent Domestic Violence Advisors	Domestic Abuse	£380,000
Coercion and Control Conference	Domestic Abuse	£20,000
Support service for victims - ADAVU	Modern Day Slavery	£27,890
Victims Voice Research	Enhanced categories	£25,550
Why Me? Charity	Restorative Justice – serious crime	£25,000
Pan Birmingham RJ Project	Restorative Justice	192,518
Coventry RJ Project	Restorative Justice	73,000
Barnardo's National Counter Trafficking Service (NTCS)	Child Trafficking	146,400
Total		913,115

