

**POLICE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
THE WEST MIDLANDS**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

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**Title: Victims Fund**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

From April 1 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 primarily provided by the voluntary and community sector.

The Commissioner has been allocated £3,321,557 in funding by the Ministry of Justice to commission victim services for 2017-18. Services commissioned form part of a complex and varied network of support that exists for victims in order to ensure the needs of victims are met through improved services.

In July 2017, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received 66 applications for funding for services of victims after providers were invited to put forward proposals for services to help victims cope and recover from the impacts of crime. An assessment panel met and made recommendations to the Commissioner based on the criteria within the application form and the proposals submitted. This process ensures that the Commissioner works with and funds a broad range of organisations from the voluntary and community sector, all who have a shared interest in delivering positive outcomes and improved services for victims. Annex 1 sets out the funding awarded to the successful projects.

**DECISION**

**I approve the allocation of funding of £133,837 to successful organisations attached in Annex 1**

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**Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands**

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 Police and Crime Commissioner of the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date.....21.7.17

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. The Commissioner launched the new Victim Service on the 1 April 2015. This service provides support and information to all victims and ensures that specialist help is provided when needed, and will help victims to cope and recover from the impacts of crime.
2. In July 2017, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received 66 applications for funding for services of victims after providers were invited to put forward proposals for services to help victims cope and recover from the impacts of crime. An assessment panel met and made recommendations to the Commissioner based on the criteria within the application form and the proposals submitted. This process ensures that the Commissioner works with and funds a broad range of organisation from the voluntary and community sector, all who have a shared interest in delivering positive outcomes and improved services for victims.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3. The allocation for the Victims Fund competitive process is £133,837. The Commissioners' total Victims Fund allocation from the Ministry of Justice is £3,321,557 for 2017-18.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. Funding is issued as a grant under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2014 to support victims, witnesses or other persons affected by offences.
5. 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

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

6. All agencies will ensure that, in conducting its work, it will integrate consideration of equality and diversity issues into each item of business, with a view to valuing and promoting equality and diversity and eliminating discrimination. The OPCC will monitor this area of business.

### **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.