

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Victims Services Commissioning and Restorative Justice Allocations 2013-14

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding for victims of crime transfers to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) in October 2014. They will be responsible 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 from April 2015. These are the services that help victims to cope with and recover from the impacts of crime.

An allocation of funding was provided by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) late in the financial year, and this was to enable 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.

It is not envisaged that PCCs roll over large funds and they have been asked to report to the MoJ on expenditure in 2013-14 and specific plans to spend any rollover on capacity and capability funding. Only where plans are in place for spend in relation to capacity and capability building and in preparing for local commissioning will roll over be allowed. It is not possible to roll over funding for the actual commissioning of Restorative Justice services or wider victims services.

DECISION

I have considered the funding allocations for capacity and capability funding of £827,821 for Victims Services and £188,033 for Restorative Justice. I approve the allocations set out in the attachment at Annex A.

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.....Bob Jones.....

Date.....24 March 2014.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. In November 2013, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) issued a grant agreement to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) through the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners relating to local commissioning of victims' support services (including Restorative Justice services).
2. The MoJ has provided £20.8m to PCCs in 2013-14. This is one-off funding provided to enable 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 Sector
 - Commission restorative justice services if capacity and capability are sufficient in relation to these services
 - Prepare for local commissioning.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. The total budget for 2013-14 is £1,015,852 and is split in the following way:

	PCC Preparatory funding 2013-14
Victims	£827, 821
RJ	£188,030
Total	£1,015,852

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The funding will be issued as a grant under s56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
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.


Schedule of Background Papers

1. None

Public Access to Information

2. 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.

Victims Services and Restorative Justice Grant 2013-14

				 west midlands police and crime commissioner	
<u>Victim Services and Restorative Justice - Funding Analysis</u>				<u>17 March 2014</u>	
Victim Services					
<u>Fixed term Victim Services worker, Admin Support & consultation strategy.</u>				90,000	
<u>Innovation project to support Voluntary Sector, eg Timebank</u>				30,000	
<u>Balance passported to LPCBs to work with Voluntary Sector</u>					
Birmingham CSP				343,198	
Coventry LPCB				75,069	
Safer Sandwell Partnership				72,855	
Safer Wolverhampton Partnership				67,675	
Safer Walsall Partnership				55,268	
Safe & Sound				54,465	
Safer Solihull Partnership				39,291	707,821
Total VS Grant					<u>827,821</u>
Restorative Justice					
<u>Force</u>					
Level 2 training (1st wave)				31,697	
Possible additional bids					
Further Level 2 training (10 at 9 LPUs)				11,610	
PCSOs to Level 1				19,350	
RSQM				4,500	35,460
Total Force bid					67,157
YOTS					60,000
<u>Fireside</u>					47,967
Available for additional training bids					<u>12,906</u>
Total Restorative Justice Grant					188,030
<u>Total 2013/14 Grant</u>					<u>1,015,851</u>