

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Victims' Fund – Allocation for Paediatric SARC Provision

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision to:

allocate funding from the Victims' Fund to a total of £90, 000 as a contribution to a new contract for Paediatric care in the Sexual Assault Referral Centres of the West Midlands, in support of the objectives in the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan (*Pride in Our Police*).

DECISION

I approve the allocation of funding from the Victims' Fund of £90,000 as a contribution towards the Paediatric SARC contract.

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.....31.05.16.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. The Police and Crime Plan (*Pride in Our Police*) sets out the Commissioner's police and crime objectives. Key among these are:
 - Confidence in policing
 - Better support for people with mental health needs
 - Supporting local policing and public engagement
 - Supporting economic development
 - Reducing reoffending
 - Preventing and detecting hidden crimes
 - Organised crime and street gangs
 - Preventing Violence Alliance
 - Evidence based policing
 - Effective Partnerships

Provision of services for victims of crime

2. 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.
3. 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.

Background

4. NHS England are requesting for 16/17 funding of £180k (£90k from the Police and Crime Commissioner, and £90k from West Midlands Police. West Midlands Police has confirmed its agreement to its contribution.
5. There is an expectation that NHS England will co-commission an all age SARC

service with police forces across England. Such a service will provide forensic recovery as well as medical care and sexual health intervention where appropriate. It should also provide an element of therapeutic care to start their journey to recovery. This is detailed in Department of Health, Public Health England and NHS England national specification. There is a national oversight board which includes within it NPCC and APACs, which takes reports on SARC delivery.

6. Whilst funding models are not defined in policy, nevertheless there is a broadly emergent funding model of a 50/50 split between police and NHS England across the all age SARC and many forces have achieved this. This has been confirmed by recent research, yet to be published, that looked at activity analysis and aggregated up against responsibilities of each organisation.

Future Paediatric SARC

7. In 2013, NHS England embarked on consultation with all four regional forces about a regional response to paediatric SARC for the most vulnerable victims. There was agreement to undertake a detailed piece of research paid for by NHS England to establish future demand and the recommended commissioning strategy. This report was delivered to the Regional SARC board (which is attended by WMP and OPCC) in 2014 and led to a decision to tender a regional paediatric SARC because of the low volumes of victims and high skill set required, to deliver a service.
8. In West Midlands area there are ad hoc arrangements with Birmingham Children Hospital, Royal Wolverhampton Hospital and Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG to provide a service for under 18 year old victims. This provision is not sustainable in the future.
9. NHS England are leading the paediatric procurement for the West Midlands, area. It is estimated that such a service, which offers a one stop shop for both acute and historic cases will be valued at £1,086k per annum. As recommended in the regional review the new service will also provide both forensic and clinical services..
10. NHS England has had a financial uplift from the centre to allow them to meet 74% of this expenditure and are requesting 17% from West Midlands Police, a value of 184k.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The funding towards this contract will be from the Victims Fund for 2016/17. Expenditure will be compliant with all appropriate requirements and procedures.

Legal Implications

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

13. 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

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