

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL
NOTICE OF DECISION
016/2020**

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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.

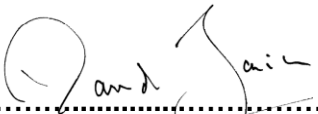
The services that have been commissioned form part of a complex and varied network of support that exists for victims, to ensure that the needs of victims are met through improved services. The Victims Commission, the Commissioners' expert advisory group of representatives from the voluntary and community 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 total planned expenditure for Victim Services in 2020/21 is £4,161,468.

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

Signature..........

Date.....23.03.2020.....

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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 April 2015. PCCs 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 support services outlined at Annex 1 are services recommended to the Commissioner by the Victims Commission who are the expert advisory group that make recommendations to the Commissioner on his hidden crimes priority.
3. In addition, the OPCC will be commissioning a West Midlands wide Restorative Justice service for which an allocation has been made.

Financial Implications

4. The total cost of the projects detailed in Annex 1 is £4,161,468. This will be funded from the Ministry of Justice Victims Services grant of £3,409,176 and other budgets within the OPCC.

Legal Implications

5. The funding is issued as a grant under s56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
6. 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.

Annex 1

Service Provided	Crime Type	Total allocation £
1 st Contact, Assessment and Referral – Victim Support	All Crime	£998,920
Road Traffic Case workers	Fatal road traffic collisions	£69,820
Sexual Violence Services – Sexual Violence Consortium	Sexual Violence and Abuse Services	£705,944
BCWA		£250,876
CRASAC		£162,043
RSVP		£293,025
West Midlands Domestic Violence Consortium – IDVA Service	Domestic Violence and Abuse	£1,007,137
Birmingham Solihull Womens Aid		£531,262
Coventry		£71,062
BCWA		£303,480
Wolverhampton Haven		£101,333
Female Genital Mutilation Support	FGM	
Allies Networks Ltd		£54,869
HBA FM Consortium	Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage (HBA & FM)	£47,207
Black Country Women’s Aid – Stalking and Harrassment support service	Stalking and Harrassment	£119,200
West Midlands wide Restorative Justice commissioned service	Restorative Justice	£450,000
Modern Slavery Support Services		
Modern Slavery Co-ordination	Modern Slavery	£23,160
Slavery and Trafficking Victim Safeguarding Pathway Co-ordinator (STVSPC)	Modern Slavery	£40,460

Modern Slavery Engagement Officers	Modern Slavery	£106,930
Paediatric SARCs (NHS)	Sexual Violence	£59,000
Victims Fund 7 – Competitive Round	Various	£200,000
Salaries		£201,900
Associated commissioning costs		£10,000
Committed from 2019/20		£66,921
Total		£4,161,468