

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE  
AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL  
NOTICE OF DECISION  
032/2020**

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Title: **Victims Services Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence and the Rape Support uplift**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

From April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 budget for Victim Services approved for the Covid 19 extraordinary funding in relation to local commissioning of domestic abuse and sexual violence victims in 2020 is £738,810.53 and the total for the rape support ISVA uplift is £383,055

**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: 03.12.2020

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

### **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 budget for Victims Services – Covid 19 Extraordinary funding in 2020 is £738,810.53
5. The 2020-2022 Rape Support ISVA uplift is £383,055

### **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.

## Annex 1

### Covid 19 Extraordinary Funding

Organisation	Thematic area	Amount	Extraordinary funding category ( <i>sexual Violence, DA commissioned, DA non-commissioned</i> )
Black Country Women's Aid (BCWA) Sexual Violence Service	Sexual Violence	£80,528.42	Sexual Violence
The Rape and Sexual Violence Project (RSVP)	Sexual Violence	£130,005.67	Sexual Violence
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (CRASAC)	Sexual Violence	£35,577.10	Sexual Violence
Black Country Women's Aid (BCWA) Domestic Abuse Service	Domestic Abuse	£114,818.97	DA PCC commissioned
Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid (BSWA)	Domestic Abuse	£126,003.77	DA PCC commissioned
Coventry Haven	Domestic Abuse	£43,216.00	DA PCC commissioned
Wolverhampton Haven	Domestic Abuse	£73,930.00	DA PCC commissioned
Wolverhampton Domestic Violence Forum	Domestic Abuse	£1,265.00	DA PCC commissioned
Sikh Women's Action Network (SWAN)	Domestic Abuse	£9,758.60	DA PCC commissioned
Roshni	Domestic Abuse	£22,538.09	DA PCC commissioned
Panahghar	Domestic Abuse	£19,326.00	DA PCC commissioned
Forced Marriage Helpine (Forced Marriage consortia)	Domestic Abuse	£14,494.20	DA PCC commissioned
Aaina Hub	Domestic Abuse	£9,880.00	DA PCC non-commissioned
Churches Housing Association OF Dudley & District (CHADD)	Domestic Abuse	£34,350.00	DA PCC non-commissioned
Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK)	Domestic Abuse	£4,900.00	DA PCC non-commissioned
WE:ARE (Women's Empowement and Recovery Educators Ltd)	Domestic Abuse	£18,219.00	DA PCC non-commissioned

### Rape Support ISVA funding 2020-22

Organisation	Thematic area	20/21 amount (pro rata)	21/22 amount
RSVP	Sexual violence	£81,059	£112,605
CRASAC	Sexual violence	£33,032.25	£44,043
BCWA	Sexual violence	£51,469.50	£60,846
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£165,561</b>	<b>£217,494</b>