

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
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COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION
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Title: **Victims Services Funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisers and Independent Domestic Violence Advisers**

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.

£3,287,133 has been allocated to the West Midlands from the Ministry of Justice over 2 years, following our application to the National ISVA and IDVA Fund. They are committed to funding posts for two years, however have confirmed funding for year one only. The allocation for 2021-22, is £1,617,802 and the indicative amount for 2022-23 is £1,669,330.

There is an existing funding commitment for ISVA's of £217,494 from the allocation, and therefore the total amount of funding to be distributed across the ISVA and IDVA services is £1,400,307.91. Allocations for year 2 will be confirmed once we have confirmed how the funding will be utilised for this year. The funding will support 33 additional IDVA posts and 8 ISVA posts. Annex 1 sets out the funding breakdown based on 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 Funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisers and Independent Domestic Violence Advisers in 2021-2022 is £1,400,308

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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 24.06.2021

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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.

Financial Implications

3. The total allocation for Independent Sexual Violence Advisers and Independent Domestic Violence Advisers 2021-22 is £1,400,308

Legal Implications

4. The funding is 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

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

National IDVA and ISVA Fund – Ministry of Justice Allocation – West Midlands

Organisation	Amount
IDVA Allocation	
Black Country Women's Aid (BCWA) 5 IDVAs 3 Young People IDVAs 2 MARAC IDVAs	£177,973.78
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid (BSWA) 19 IDVA's MARAC IDVAS x 12 with 50% to hold language specialism 1 BAME MARAC IDVA for African Caribbean women 1 older women MARAC IDVA for over 55s 3 Courts IDVAs minimum of 1 BAME 2 Domestic Abuse Prevention Order IDVA posts to pilot this work across Birmingham over the next two years.	£676,300.37
Coventry Haven 1 IDVA with Polish/Eastern European language specialism	£35,594.75
Wolverhampton Haven 2 IDVA's 1 BAME IDVA 1 Criminal Justice IDVA	£71,189.51
Panahghar 2 IDVA's To support DA victims from Black and Minority Ethnic Groups	£71,189.51
Anawim 1 IDVA to support women in the Criminal Justice system in Birmingham	£35,594.75
Birmingham LGBT – there is an existing capability in Birmingham. 2 posts will expand support across the West Midlands 1 LGBT IDVA Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall 1 LGBT IDVA Wolverhampton and Coventry	£71,189.51
Churches Housing Association Of Dudley District (CHADD) 1 IDVA supporting older DA victims	£35,594.75

ISVA Allocation	
Black Country Women's Aid (BCWA) 3 additional ISVA's Walsall/Wolverhampton CYP ISVA Sandwell/Dudley CYP ISVA Black Country (Sandwell/Dudley/Walsall) ISVA supporting male victims and survivors	£84,630.37
CRASAC Additional ISVA for Coventry due to demand	£28,210.12
RSVP (Birmingham and Solihull) 3 ISVAs 2 ISVAs and 1 CYP ISVA	£84,630.37
Changing Lives (Cyrenians) Specialist Sex Worker ISVA supporting victims age 16 plus	£28,210.12
Total	£1,400,307.91