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| **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR**  **THE WEST MIDLANDS** | **NON-CONFIDENTIAL**  **NOTICE OF DECISION**  009/2022 |
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| **Title: Core Victims Services and National Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) and Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Funding 2022/23** | |
| **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  On April 1st 2015 responsibility for commissioning most of the emotional and practical support services for victims of crime that are provided by the voluntary and community sector, transferred to Police and Crime Commissioners from the Ministry of Justice. This was part of a strategic move towards more personalised services for local people and investment in the voluntary and community sector. Victims of crime are entitled to services and support that helps them to cope with the immediate impact of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from its effects.  The services that we commission in the West Midlands form part of a complex and varied network of support that exists for victims, in order to ensure that their needs are met through improved services.  The Victims Commission is the Commissioners' expert advisory group of representatives from the voluntary and community sector and they have made recommendations for support services that respond to a number of key areas that the Commissioner needs to address. All services offer a West Midlands response across areas of critical need and emerging issues.  The total budget for Core Victim Services for 2022-23 is £3,400,310.40    In addition, the PCC has allocated an additional £271,410 from the Community Safety Fund 2022/23 to make up the shortfall in the Core Victim Services Budget.  Following our application to the National Independent Sexual Violence Advocate and Independent Domestic Violence Advocate Fund in 2021/22, we were awarded a total of £3,287,133 from the Ministry of Justice over 2 years. The funding for 2022/23 has been confirmed at £1,669.330.  The total allocation for Victims Services 2022/23 is £5,069,640.40  Annex 1 sets out the funding breakdown for each budget, based on these awards. | |
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| **DECISION**  **I approve the allocations set out in the attachment at Annex 1.**  **The budget for Core Victim Services for 2022-23 is £3,400,310.40**  **The budget for the National ISVA and IDVA Fund for 2022-23 is £1,669,330**  **The total West Midlands budget for Victims Services 2022/23 is £5,069,604.40** | |
| **Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands**  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 of the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below. | |
| **Signature**    **Date 11th April 2022** | |
| **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 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**   1. The total allocation for Core Victim Services for 2022-23 is £3,400,310.40 2. The total allocation for the National ISVA and IDVA Fund for 2022-23 is £1,669,330 3. The total budget allocations for support services to Victims of Crime is £5,069,640.40 | |
| **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**   1. The funding is issued as a grant under s56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. 2. Section 143 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, expands Police and Crime Commissioners’ existing powers (originally granted through Section 9 of the Police Reform & Social responsibility Act 2011 (subsequently repealed) to provide or arrange for the provision of services which secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction and creates a clear statutory basis upon which all local policing bodies can provide or commission services for the support of victims of, and witnesses to, crime and anti-social behaviour as well as for other persons affected by offences or anti-social behaviour.   **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**   1. Under s149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Equality Act), as a public authority the Police and Crime Commissioner must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and any conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Protected characteristics under the Equality Act are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.      1. The funding of these projects and services will ensure that, at a time of crisis, vulnerable victims of crime have access to high quality support services. 2. All our commissioned providers are required to have due regard to the protected characteristics of the people and communities across the West Midlands. All projects and services have been considered under their own merits, to ensure that they have demonstrated satisfactory performance and value for money. They have also been considered as part of the OPCC’s wider commissioning, budgets and priorities. | |
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| **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**

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| **VICTIMS FUND 2022/23** | | |
| **Priority and Provider** | **Local Authority** | **Allocation** |
| **Sexual Violence** | | |
| Rape and Sexual Violence Project  RSVP | Birmingham & Solihull | £101,646.00 |
| Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Project  CRASAC | Coventry | £74,164.00 |
| Black Country Women’s Aid  BCWA | Black Country | £93,041.00 |
| **Child Sexual Abuse** | | |
| Birmingham & Solihull Women’s Aid  BSWA | Birmingham & Solihull | £113,280.00 |
| CRASAC | Coventry | £26,641.00 |
| BCWA | Black Country | £96,712.00 |
| **Domestic Abuse** | | |
| BSWA | Birmingham & Solihull | £373,964.00 |
| BCWA | Black Country | £213,735.00 |
| Coventry Haven | Coventry | £72,247.00 |
| Wolverhampton Haven | Wolverhampton | £90,101.00 |
| **Department of Work and Pensions – Employability for victims of Domestic Abuse** | Force-wide | £25,000.00 |
| **Contact, Assessment and Referral Service** | | |
| Victim Support | Force-wide | £992,732.00 |
| **Road Traffic Collisions** | | |
| Victim Support | Force-wide | £76,517.00 |
| **Restorative Justice** | | |
| REMEDI | Force-wide | £225,000.00 |
| **Modern Slavery** | | |
| West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network | Force-wide | £23,032.00 |
| Slavery Adult Safeguarding Case Conference Process | Force-wide | £36,800.00 |
| Modern Slavery Engagement Project | Force-wide | £77,731.00 |
| **Female Genital Mutilation** | | |
| Coventry Haven | Coventry | £36,455.00 |
| **Sexual Advice Referral Centre - SARC** | | |
| National Health Service | Force-wide | £59,000.00 |
| **Stalking and Harassment Support Service** | | |
| BCWA | Force-wide | £147,980.00 |
| **Hate Crime Support Service** | | |
| REMEDI | Force-wide | £150,000.00 |
| **Forced Marriage Helpline** | | |
| Roshni, Panaghar | Force-wide | £47,207.00 |
| **Victims Fund 8:** Open commissioning process | Force-wide | £150,000.00 |
| **Associated Costs of commissioning** |  | £368,735.00 |
| **Community Safety Fund allocation 2022/23** |  | £271,410.00 |
| **MOJ allocation 2022/23** |  | **£3,400,310.00** |
| **Budget 2022/23** |  | **£3,671,720.00** |

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| **National Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) & Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) Funding 2022/23** | | | |
| **Fund Priority** | **Local Authority and Provider** | **Specialisms** | **Allocation** |
| **20-23 ISVA** | **Birmingham & Solihull**  BSWA | Rape Support Fund ISVAs / Counselling Services | £112,605.00 |
|  | **Coventry**  CRASAC | Rape Support Fund ISVAs / Counselling Services | £44,043.00 |
|  | **Black Country**  BCWA | Rape Support Fund ISVAs / Counselling Services | £60,846.00 |
| **EOI ISVA** | **Birmingham & Solihull**  RSVP | 2 ISVAS, 1 Children and Young Persons ISVA | £89,333.25 |
|  | **Coventry**  CRASAC | 1 ISVA | £29,777.75 |
|  | **Black Country**  BCWA | 2 Children and young person’s ISVAs, 1 Male ISVA | £89,333.25 |
|  | **Force-wide**  ChangingLives | 1 Sex Work ISVA | £29,777.75 |
| **EOI IDVA** | **Birmingham & Solihull**  BSWA | 19 IDVAS –  12 MARAC IDVAs with language specialisms.  1 Underrepresented groups MARAC IDVA  1 Over 55s IDVA  3 Court IDVAs (minimum of 1 underrepresented IDVA).  2 Domestic Abuse Prevention Order IDVAs. | £699,942.92 |
|  | **Black Country**  BCWA | 5 IDVAS –  3 young people IDVAs - Sandwell Dudley & Walsall  1 Male IDVA in Sandwell, Dudley & Walsall  1 IDVA supporting people with disabilities in Walsall | £185,074.00 |
|  | **Coventry**  Haven | 1 IDVA with Polish / Eastern European Language Specialism | £37,970.18 |
|  | **Wolves**  Haven | 1 underrepresented groups IDVA,  1 Criminal Justice IDVA | £65,194.00 |
|  | **Force-wide**  Birmingham LGBT | 2 LGBTQ IDVAs | £74,746.36 |
|  | **Birmingham** | 2 Criminal Justice IDVAs | £37,970.00 |
|  | **Coventry**  Haven | 2 IDVAs supporting Underrepresented Groups | £74,746.36 |
|  | **Dudley**  Churches Housing Association of Dudley & District  CHADD | Over 55s IDVA | £37,970.18 |
| **Total Budget** |  |  | **£1,669,330.00** |