

**POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR
THE WEST MIDLANDS**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: 2023-24 decision paper

- 1. Core Victims Services**
- 2. National Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA)**
- 3. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence uplift funding**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 1st April 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 help 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.

This year the Victim Fund is made up of 3 budget streams. This includes the Core budget, the National IDVA ISVA budget and the DASV budget. All Budgets have been awarded on a multi-year basis, until the end of financial year 2025. The budgets are broken down as follows

Core victim budget: the total budget for Core Victim Services for 2023-24 is **£3,400,900.46**.

National IDVA ISVA budget: following our application to the National IDVA ISVA Fund in 2021/22, we were awarded a total of £3,287,133 from the Ministry of Justice over 3 years. This funding was split in the following ways across those three years;

- **2022-23** £1,669,330.00

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- **2023-2024 and 2024-2025 - £2,146,185.30** (an increase of £476,855.30 in year in 2022/23)

National Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence (DASV) Fund: Through the Ministry of Justice needs assessment carried out in year, during 2022-2023, the PCC has been awarded a further total amount of 1,120,487.38 from the National DASV fund broken down as follows

- **£643,632.08 through the DV SV fund per year until 2024-2025**
- £476,855.30 (pro rata amount for 2022-2023 £314,540.87) through the DV SV fund.

Therefore, the total amount of funding received by the PCC across all budgets is shown below

- **2023-2024 - £6,190,717.84**

This paper outlines the specific allocations being awarded through the 2023-2024, across all funding streams.

Annex 1 sets out the funding breakdown for each budget, based on these awards.

DECISION

I approve the allocations set out in the attachment at Annex 1.

The budget for Core Victim Services for 2023-25 is **£3,400,900.46**

The budget for the National ISVA and IDVA Fund for 2023-25 is **2,146,185.30**

The Budget for the DA SV fund is **£643,632.08**

The total West Midlands budget for Victims Services 2023-25 is **£6,190,717.84**

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 02.04.2023

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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 and 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

3. The total allocation for Core Victim Services for 2023-24 is **£3,400,900.46**
4. The total allocation for the National IDVA and ISVA Fund for 2023-24 is **£2,146.185.30**
5. The Budget for the DASV fund for 2023-24 is **£643,632.08**
6. The total budget allocations for support services to Victims of Crime is **£6,190,717.84**

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The funding is issued as a grant under s. 56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
8. Section 143 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, expands Police and Crime Commissioners' existing powers, originally granted via Section 9 of the Police Reform and 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

9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.

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

Core budget

Core budget allocations 2023-24 and 2024-25		
Provider	Service	Allocated for 2023/24 2024/25
Black Country Women's Aid	Modern Slavery	£ 77,731
Coventry Haven	FGM Support Service	£ 36,455
Remedi	Hate Crime	£ 150,000
West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network	Modern Slavery	£ 23,032
West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network	Modern Slavery	£ 36,800
West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network	Modern Slavery	£ 33,225
NHS	Sexual assault referral centre	£ 59,000
Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid	Domestic Abuse	£ 373,964
Black Country Women's Aid	Domestic Abuse	£ 213,735
Coventry Haven	Domestic Abuse	£ 72,247

The Haven Wolverhampton	Domestic Abuse	£	90,101
RSVP	Sexual Violence / Child Sexual Abuse	£	214,926
CRASAC	Sexual Violence / Child Sexual Abuse	£	100,805
Black Country Women's Aid	Sexual Violence / Child Sexual Abuse	£	189,753
Black Country Women's Aid	Stalking	£	147,980
Remedi	RJ	£	225,000
Victim Support	VS	£	1,012,732
Victim Support	Roads	£	76,517
Victims Fund	Various (see breakdown below)	£	150,000
Associated Costs of commissioning	Associated costs	£	10,000
Black Country Women's Aid	Shortfall for DASV Projects	£	17,955
Kooth	Online Counselling	£	18,900
Total		£	3,330,858

National Independent Domestic Violence Advocate and Independent Sexual Violence Advocate

National IDVA ISVA Fund allocations 2023-24 and 2024-25		
Provider	Project	Value
Rape and Sexual Violence Project	ISVA	£245,196.87
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	ISVA	£115,902.33
Black Country Women's Aid	ISVA	£185,522.25
Changing Lives	ISVA	£29,777.75
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	IDVA	£857,173.14
Black Country Women's Aid	IDVA	£267,519.75
Coventry Haven	IDVA	£37,970.18
The Haven Wolverhampton	IDVA	£104,699.09
Birmingham LGBT	IDVA	£74,746.36
Anawim	IDVA	£37,970.18

Panahghar	IDVA	£74,746.36
CHADD	IDVA	£37,970.18
WAITS	IDVA	£37,000.00
ROSHNI	IDVA	£39,990.86
TOTAL ALLOCATED		£2,146,185.30
IDVA ISVA Original EOI		£1,669,330.00
Additional Needs assessment		£476,855.30
Total		£2,146,185.30

Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence Fund allocations 2023-24 and 2024-25

DASV fund allocations		
Provider	Project/Post	Allocation
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	4 IDVAs	£155,784.08
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	2 Hospital Advocates, 2 ISACS, 1 Sex Work Advocate	£164,940.00
Coventry Haven	1 Court IDVA	£ 30,364.00
Women Acting in Today's Society (WAITS)	Group Support - BAME Women	£ 12,000.00
Rape and Sexual Violence Project	2 CYP Counsellor 1 - disability specialism	£ 80,496.00
Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA)	Bereaved Family Support	£ 12,600.00
Roshni	Helpline, Outreach, Training & Awareness	£107,690.00
Sikh Women's Aid	1 DA Worker	£ 38,052.00
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	2 x PT counsellors, clinical supervision, training & overheads	£ 41,706.00
	TOTAL	£643,632.08

Victims Fund 9 Allocations

Victims Fund 9 Allocations 2023-2024 (1-year allocations)		
Name of project	Crime type	Amount awarded
COVENTRY PANAHHGAR PROJECT	Domestic Abuse	£20,000
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (CRASAC)	Sexual assault and abuse	£19,510
RSVP (West Midlands) Ltd Registered Charity	Sexual assault and abuse	£20,000
Remedi	Hate Crime	£20,000
The Haven Wolverhampton	Domestic Abuse	£12,090
Kairos Women Working Together (Kairos WWT)	CSE	£20,000.00
Anawim	Domestic Abuse	£ 20,000.00
Birmingham Irish Association	Domestic Abuse	£18,400