

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL
NOTICE OF DECISION**

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Title: Support Services for Victims of Crime

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. Decision [004/2018](#) sets out the allocations made to the Sexual Violence Consortium for services to victims of rape and serious sexual violence. Annex 1 sets out the funding awarded to the voluntary sector in order to respond to the Commissioners priorities as set out in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-20.

DECISION

I approve the allocations set out in the attachment at Annex 1. The total budget for Victim Services in 2018/19 is £3,329,807

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.....25.4.18.

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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 Ministry of Justice (MoJ) currently retains responsibility for commissioning certain specialist services and £22 million of the core budget has been allocated for these national services. Support includes services for those bereaved through homicide, rape support centres, court based witness services, human trafficking and some telephone helplines such as BRAKE.
3. 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.
4. In addition, the OPCC will be commissioning a West Midlands wide Restorative Justice service for which an allocation has been made.

Financial Implications

5. The total budget for Victims Services in 2018/19 is £3,329,807

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.

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21.07.20

Annex 1

| Service Provided | Crime Type | Total allocation |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | £3,329,807 |
| 1 st Contact, Assessment and Referral – Victim Support | All Crime | 998,920 |
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| Road Traffic Case workers | Road Traffic Collisions | 69,820 |
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| Sexual Violence Consortium | Rape and Serious Sexual Violence | 17,426 |
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| West Midlands Domestic Violence Consortium – IDVA Service | Domestic Abuse | 734,304 |
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| Integrated Support Service for the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme | Domestic Abuse | 150,000 |
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| Female Genital Mutilation Support Allied Networks Ltd Coventry Haven | FGM | 54,869 29,166 |
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| West Midlands Restorative Justice commissioned service | Restorative Justice | 450,000 |
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| Modern Slavery Co-ordination West Midlands Anti Slavery Network | Modern Slavery | £20,000 |
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| Modern Slavery Engagement of Communities Project and Campaign | Modern Slavery | 87,000 |
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| Adavu – Support Service | Modern Slavery | 27,686 |
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| Barnados – Child Panel for Trafficked Children | Modern Slavery | 131,000 |
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| Coventry Haven | Honour Based Violence | 38,000 |
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| Community Vision CIC | Enhanced Categories | 135,620 |
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| Victims Fund 5 – competitive round | All crime | 200,000 |
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| Rape Alarms and Early Evidence Kits for Sex Workers in the West Midlands to encourage early reporting and safeguarding | Sexual Violence | 1,000 |
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| Total Spend | | £3,144,811 |
| Remaining Budget | | £184,996 |

