

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Support Services for Victims of Crime

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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, was transferred to Police and Crime Commissioners in April 1 2015.

The Commissioner has been allocated £3,321,557 in funding by the Ministry of Justice to commission victim services for 2016-18. Services commissioned form part of a complex and varied network of support that exists for victims, to ensure the needs of victims are met through improved services.

The table at Appendix 1 sets out some of the services to be commissioned for the coming year. The Victims Commission, the PCC's expert advisors 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

I approve the allocation of funding of £1,861,214 to the successful organisations as set out below.

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.....

NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME

COMMISSIONER

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Funding and responsibility for support services for victims of crime transferred to Police and Crime Commissioners in April 2015. That responsibility includes 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. The funding allocation for the West Midlands is £3,321,557.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3. The Victims Fund is issued as a grant under s58 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

4. 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 aims and wider priorities.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

5. All agencies ensure that, in conducting its work, it will integrate consideration of equality and diversity issues into each item of business, with a view to valuing and promoting equality and diversity and eliminating discrimination. The PCC's office monitors this area of business.

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.

Organisation	Service Provided	Crime Type	Total
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	Provision of 2 court based Independent Domestic Violence Advisors in Birmingham	Domestic Abuse	£41,778
Sandwell Women's Aid	Provision of 1 court based Independent Domestic Violence Advisor in Sandwell and Dudley	Domestic Abuse	£38,170
Crisis Point	Provision of practical and emotional support to vulnerable victims of sexual abuse in Walsall	Sexual Violence	£29,539
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (CRASAC)	Provision of outreach, specialist support and counselling services in Coventry for vulnerable groups of BME women and young girls from the age of 11 who are victims of rape or sexual violence	Sexual Violence	£102,498
Community Vision CIC OASIS Support Services	A whole family intervention service or one to one support with group activities specialising in BME victims	Enhanced services for victims of the 3 categories of the Victims Code	£80,620
West Midlands IDVA Service	Provision of independent and impartial support for all victims/survivors of domestic abuse – this needs to be profiled with the newly commissioned MARAC IDVA service into an enhanced West Midlands IDVA service	Domestic and Sexual abuse	£260,000
1 st contact, assessment and referral service delivered by Victim Support	Provision of the Commissioners statutory duty to deliver a 1 st contact, assessment and referral service to all victims of crime.	Support Services for victims crime	£1,038,920
Road Traffic Case Workers	Support Service		£69,820
Allies Network	Female Genital Mutilation	Support Service	£54,869
Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage		Support Service	£145,000
Total re-commissioned services			£1,861,214

