

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2022-040	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Grant Funding Allocation 2023/24 for Sexual Violence Services
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to New Pathways and Cyfannol Women’s Aid to ensure the continuation of their services in support of victims of sexual violence offences in Gwent.

DECISION

1.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions, so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014), which provided specific arrangements for the provision of commissioning services for victims.

2.

Each PCC receives an annual Victims Support Services Grant (VSSG) from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), to contribute to delivery of victims’ services in the area - sexual violence services can be funded by this grant. I have also been successful in securing additional funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) and for the provision of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services in Gwent.

New Pathways is an organisation which provides rape crisis and sexual abuse support services, including management of the Gwent Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Cyfannol Women’s Aid provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services across Gwent. Both organisations are currently funded as a result of proposals submitted in 2022/23; and based on satisfactory reporting information being submitted, a recommendation to continue funding has been made by the Commissioning Team.

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In order to fulfil my commitments in relation to victims of sexual violence, I have considered the requirements under the Act; the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan; as well as the recommendations of the Commissioning Team and have allocated the following funding.

An amount of £464,723 to New Pathways to contribute to the delivery of Sexual Violence Services in 2023/2024, including the following services:

 - Core ISVA services;

- Additional ISVAs - Children and Young People ISVA; Mental Health ISVA and Community ISVA;
- Children's Therapy;
- Adult Counselling; and
- Male ISVA.

The funding will also contribute to training services, finance services, supervision, management and administration costs.

The sources of this funding are: £69,579 from my core budget and £395,144 from the MOJ Victims Services Grant. Of this £395,144, £237,292 of this is ringfenced for ISVA provision by the MOJ and a further £36,786 is ringfenced for Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Services, the remainder is not ringfenced to any specific purpose by the MOJ.

An additional amount of £42,490 is provided by Gwent Police to New Pathways for SARC services and will be awarded via the OPCC Grant Agreement. As such the total award to New Pathways will be £507,213.

An amount of £155,256 to Cyfannol Women's Aid to contribute to the delivery of their Horizon Support Services which includes:

- Adult Counselling; and
- ISVA services.

The funding will also contribute to management and administration costs.

The sources of this funding are: £72,280 from my core budget and £82,976 from MOJ Victim Services Grant, ringfenced for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services.

5. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report, which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;
- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risks; and
- Learning.

Where the Review Panel recommended additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.

Applicant organisations will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation. Payment of grants is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

My decision is as I have recorded in this paper

Signed



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Background papers

Sexual Violence Grant Fund Guidance 2022/2023
New Pathways proposal for 2022/2023
Cyfannol proposal for 2022/2023
Monitoring Reports for 2022/23