

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2022-007	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Service Funding 2022/23
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide grant funding to Newport City Council to contribute to the provision of the IDVA service for the financial year 2022/23.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner 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 funding for victims.

In order to fulfil on my commitment to victims of crime, I have considered the requirements under the Acts as well as the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan and have allocated an amount of £156,363 to contribute to the delivery of the high-risk Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) service in 2022/23. This is allocated with the intention of working with Newport City Council to plan and agree longer term and more sustainable commissioning and funding arrangements for the IDVA service.

Newport City Council who currently lead on coordinating the delivery of the service have provided a proposal for delivery in 2022/23. A Review Panel was convened by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (OPCC) to consider the proposal and I am accepting their recommendation to award the full allocation of £156,363 to Newport City Council for delivery of the IDVA Service in 2022/23.


The funding has been administered through Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales.

In Gwent, we were able to secure an additional £139,037 for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services for the financial year 2021-22 and £644,446 for additional IDVA and ISVA provision in Gwent for a two-year period from April 2021 to March 2023.

The ringfenced 2022/23 funding comprises of:

Newport City Council	£178,760 for 2022/23	MOJ Additional IDVA Funding for 4 IDVAs
<p>The total amount being awarded for 2022/23 from the OPCC to deliver the high-risk IDVA service is therefore £335,123.</p>		
3.	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Activity; • Project Outputs; • Project Outcomes; • Breakdown of financial expenditure; • Risks; and • Learning. <p>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.</p> <p>Successful applicants are 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.</p>	

Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed	Date

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