

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2022-037	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Service Funding 2023/24
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 2023/24.

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 2023/24. This is allocated with the intention of working with Newport City Council to commission longer term and more sustainable arrangements for the IDVA service.

Should a commissioning exercise be completed within the 2023/24 financial year and the IDVA service transfers to a new provider mid-year, a pro-rata funding allocation will be transferred to the new provider of this £156,363 allocated amount.

The IDVA service will also receive £178,760 from the Ministry of Justice Victims Services Grant, this funding was awarded to the OPCC by the MOJ for the purpose of funding 4 additional IDVAs. As with the PCC's core funding this funding will be provided to the organisation providing the IDVA service in Gwent. Should this change during the financial year the remaining funding shall be awarded to the new organisation when the service transfers.

The total amount being awarded for 2023/24 from the OPCC to deliver the high-risk IDVA service is therefore £335,123.

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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.

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.

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	