

## **Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record**

**Title: Victims Fund – February 2015 applications**

**Decision number: 083/2015**

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**Protective Marking: Part One**

### **Executive Summary**

In October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner took responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime to help them cope and recover.

For the financial year of 2013/14 the PCC was allocated £420,469 by the Ministry of Justice to prepare for local commissioning and build the capacity and capability of potential providers of local support services, including restorative justice. This funding allocation has been carried forward to 2014/15 to finance the resourcing, research and market engagement needed for local commissioning, which is on-going. In addition, £131,057.00 has been awarded to specialist services to build capacity and capability and this latest funding round has approved a further application totalling £3,294, which is detailed below.

To commission services for victims of crime, including restorative justice, for the financial year of 2014/15 the PCC was allocated £395,200 by the Ministry of Justice. To date, the PCC has awarded a total of £228,075.18 to local specialist services. This latest funding round saw a further two applications for funding, totalling £20,000, which are detailed below.

In addition, a previous grant recipient has been awarded an additional £334.26 to enhance a domestic abuse project, as detailed below.

### **Applications**

The following provides an overview of the grant applications received and recommended for approval:

#### **1. HM Courts and Tribunals Service**

To award £10,000 to HMCTS to refurbish all witness rooms at Redhill, Staines, Guildford Magistrates Court and Guildford Crown Court. Victims and witnesses are often traumatised by their experiences and going to court can be a very daunting time and for those close to them who may also attend to offer support. This project aims to provide a more calming, comfortable, and age appropriate environment for victims and witnesses when attending court.

#### **2. Tandridge District Council**

To award £10,000 to Tandridge District Council to part fund the delivery of the domestic abuse IRIS (Identification & Referral to Improve Safety) project. IRIS is a General Practice based domestic abuse training, support and referral programme, providing clear care pathways for all adult patients and their children, who are living with abuse. It's focussed on close partnership working between primary care and specialist third sector agencies to deliver essential services and develop a holistic response for patients experiencing domestic abuse.

#### **3. Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre (RASASC)**

To award £3,294 to RASASC to update the organisation's policies and procedures, revise the directory of support and carry out an audit of RASASC services and submit the audit to The Survivors Trust Standards. This work underpins the significant expansion of RASASC services to support the increasing number of victims accessing services.

#### **4. Surrey Police**

To award £334.26 to Surrey Police to be able to enhance domestic abuse safety kits with arson packs and printed materials. This project was awarded £2160 in December 2014. The domestic abuse safety kit provides a quick emergency solution to help increase a sense of safety for victims, whilst remaining in their own home. The kit will be used alongside other police measures designed to keep victims safe from further abuse.

### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner supports the recommendations of the Victim Fund Panel and awards to the following;

### **Police and Crime Commissioner Approval**

I approve the recommendation(s):

- To award £10,000 to HM Courts and Tribunal Service to refurbish all witness rooms at Redhill, Staines, Guildford Magistrates Court and Guildford Crown Court.
- To award £10,000 to Tandridge District Council to part fund the delivery of the domestic abuse IRIS (Identification & Referral to Improve Safety) project.
- To award £3,294 to Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre to update the organisation's policies and procedures, revise the directory of support and carry out an audit of RASASC services and submit the audit to The Survivors Trust Standards.
- To award £334.26 to Surrey Police to enhance domestic abuse safety kits with arson packs and printed materials.

Signature:



Date: 10/03/2015

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

## **Areas of consideration**

### **Consultation**

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

### **Financial implications**

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Victims Fund Decision Panel considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

### **Legal**

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

### **Risks**

The Victims Fund Decision Panel considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

### **Equality and diversity**

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

### **Risks to human rights**

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.

### **Data protection and safeguarding**

Applicants must comply with the current national and local legal framework with regard adult and child safeguarding, information sharing, and data protection including compliance with Local Safeguarding Children Board's policies and procedures and any obligations that may ensue as a result of a child being made subject to a Child Protection Plan.