POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE REQUEST FOR DECISION

REF: 021/2014

DATE: 20 August 2014

Subject	LOCAL COMMISSIONING OF VICTIMS' SUPPORT SERVICES - LINCOLNSHIRE RAPE CRISIS			
REPORT BY	CHIEF EXECUTIVE			
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT				
To approve a grant to Lincolnshire Rape Crisis for the provision of child exploitation/abuse information, resources and training services.				
RECOMMENDATION	That a grant be made to Lincolnshire Rape Crisis for the purposes outlined in this report.			

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:

Date: 26/08/14

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. On 25th February 2014 the Secretary of State for Justice, Ministry of Justice (MoJ), acting through the Victim, Witness and Criminal Justice Delivery Portfolio announced a police and crime commissioners' competed fund. The allocation of funding from this fund was awarded following the evaluation of bids against set criteria. The bidding stage ran from 7 April 2014 to 16 May 2014. Police and crime commissioners were informed of results of their bids on 2 July 2014. On 24 July 2014 the Secretary of State for Justice and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire (PCC) entered into a grant agreement for the PCC's successful bid under the terms of this fund. The agreement requires the PCC to ensure that the grant of £30,000 is utilised for the purpose of Child Exploitation/Abuse Information, Resources and Training.

- 2. The bid made by the PCC was developed by Lincolnshire Rape Crisis (supported by the PCC) who will be the delivery partner for the successful project. The title of the project is: "Awareness campaign and training for young people: consent in sexual relationships"
- 3. The project will include:
- A campaign around consent in sexual relationships the campaign will not be age or gender specific
- Development of a training package focussed on consent in sexual relationships, to be delivered in secondary schools across Lincolnshire. It is anticipated by Lincolnshire Rape Crisis that schools will expect the minimum age of young people receiving this training to be 13 years old. The evidence gained from the victims service needs consultation indicates that support for under 13 year olds is required, and Rape Crisis have advised that they will develop a training package that is age appropriate depending on the age of the young people they are able to engage with in schools
- Development of a resource for young people to take home to parents
- Links with and access to support to be evident, to enable support upon any disclosures of rape brought about by this work- this will include work with Children's Services and Child Sexual Exploitation services
- 4. The PCC proposes to make a grant to Lincolnshire Rape Crisis of £30,000 to fund this activity.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

This funding will help to deliver the strategic aims and priorities set out within the Police and Crime Plan (reducing crime, police and services that are there when you need them).

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As detailed above, funding is in the form of a grant of £30,000 from the Secretary of State for Justice for the specific purpose laid down in the grant agreement.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

The grant is paid to the PCC in exercise of the power conferred by s 56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. The terms and conditions of the grant are set out in the agreement between the Secretary of State for Justice and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire dated 24 July 2014.

Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and projects which, in the opinion of the PCC, will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the police area.

In addition, Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with powers to provide or commission services. Within the meaning of this section, a PCC may provide or arrange for the provision of:

- (a) services that in the opinion of the PCC will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the PCC's area:
- (b) services that are intended by the PCC to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour:
- (c) services of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

A PCC arranging for the provision of services under this section may make grants in connection with the arrangements. A grant may be subject to any conditions (including conditions as to repayment) that the PCC thinks appropriate. For the purposes of the legislative provision "anti-social behaviour" means behaviour by a person that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more other persons not of the same household as that person;

"crime and disorder reduction" means reduction in levels of

- (a) crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment),
- (b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and
- (c) re-offending.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

As detailed at A1 above.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to assess whether intended outcomes have been achieved. A PCC officer will oversee the project. Key reporting dates to the MoJ have guided reporting requirements for Lincolnshire Rape Crisis. These are:

- Formal progress report and meeting with PCC, 10th November 2014 (to allow PCC reporting to MoJ by 30th November 2014)
- Formal progress report and meeting with PCC, 10th April 2015 (to allow PCC reporting to MoJ by 30th April 2015)

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Through progress reporting as outlined above.

H. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this form along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be

made available on the PCC's website within one working day of approval. However, if release by that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved, publication may be deferred. An explanation for any deferment must be provided below, together with a date for publication.

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If Yes, for what reason:	
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Is there a part 2 form?	No		
If Yes, for what reason			

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Tick to confirm
Originating Officer: The Deputy Chief Executive recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	√
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:

Date: 21 8 14