

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **7/2014**
Title: **Funding for Hull Rape Crisis**

Executive Summary:

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Commissioner Comments:

After receiving clarification that Hull Rape Crisis referred male victims to local services he was content to support the funding request.

Decision:

That Hull Rape Crisis be awarded funding of £10k per year for the next two years (£20k in total) to cover the MoJ funding shortfall, leaving Hull Rape Crisis to raise £10k per year through fundraising activities as per previous years.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature

Matthew Grove

Date 20.03.14

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SUBMISSION FOR DECISION

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2. Recommendation

That the PCC funds Hull Rape Crisis to the tune of £10k per year for the next two years (£20k in total) to cover the MoJ funding shortfall, leaving Hull Rape Crisis to raise £10k per year through fundraising activities as per previous years.

3. Background

Hull Rape Crisis service provides support to female victims of rape in and around the Hull area, they work closely with the Survivors organisation and refer victims of male rape to their services. The range of services available includes group and one-to-one therapy and counselling sessions, welfare, benefits and housing advice, a telephone helpline with out of hours signposting, outreach, and they work with other partners in the city, such as Hull Women's Centre, to ensure a range of services and signposting to more appropriate support through the victims journey.

The service has always run at a cost of circa £40k per year, and has benefited from MoJ funding of £30k per year, Hull Rape Crisis themselves make up the £10k shortfall by raising their own funds through raffles, auctions, events and such like, but to raise £20k per year like this is not achievable and will leave the service unable to support local victims. The PCC is in a position to be able to make up the MoJ shortfall and contribute £10k per year over the next two years to ensure the service continues to run and provide the much needed local support.

The service has seen an increase in referrals recently, since 2012 calls have increased by 40%. Referrals are made into the service from GPs, schools and colleges, Victim Support, women's centres and self-referrals. The PCCs funding will pay for one (of only two) part-time members of paid staff and will

guarantee that there will always be someone available between the core working hours to support the women that access the service.

4. Options

The options are to either fund the service to the tune of £10k per year over the next two years, making up the MoJ shortfall and enabling the service to continue to help local victims of rape, or to not contribute and risk losing the levels of service currently available for local rape victims.

5. Risks

The risks associated with not contributing have been highlighted above.

6. Financial Implications

The recommendation is for the PCC to invest £10k per year for the next two years - £20k in total, to cover the shortfall in MoJ funding; this money is available to the Commissioner to invest in these types of support services.

7. Legal Implications

The Commissioner can make such investments if he feels that it will contribute to helping victims of crime to cope and recover from their ordeal and assist in the delivery of his Police and Crime Plan.

8. Equalities Implications

None to consider.

9. Consultation

Consultation has taken place with Hull Rape Crisis and their views have been reflected in the content of this paper.

10. Media information

Work has begun to formulate a press release as we suspect that there will be media attention for this good news story.

11. Background documents

Victoria Wise

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