

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

Decision Record Number: **8/2015**

Title: **Request for funding - Brake**

Executive Summary:

A letter from Brake, the road safety charity, was submitted that had been sent to all Police and Crime Commissioners requesting a donation of £1,500-£2,000 be made annually to the charity.

Commissioner's Comments:

The Commissioner wished to support the organisation but was unable to commit to future funding and therefore agreed to a single donation of £1,500 being made at this time.

Decision:

That £1,500 be donated to Brake.

Background Report: N/A

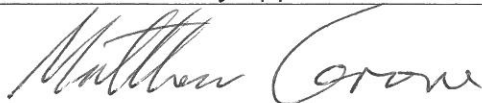
Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

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



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Dear Police & Crime Commissioner,

Further to my previous letter in March 2014, I wanted to update you on Brake's support services for bereaved and seriously injured road crash victims, in light of the move to PCC-led commissioning of victim services.

As I highlighted in my last letter, Brake is a leading, government-funded national provider of specialist support to bereaved and seriously injured road crash victims. This support is delivered in partnership with every police force in the UK: our acclaimed support packs are handed to families by police following every UK road death, and police usually refer families to our helpline at the same time.

Our packs and helpline (now accredited, and with new freephone number 0808 8000 401) provide a broad range of specialist support and information on emotional, practical, domestic and procedural matters, including CJS procedures. Our helpline assesses support needs and offers emotional support, information, advocacy, facilitated peer-support calls, signposting and referrals, including liaising with police and other officials on families' behalf, and referring to local services like therapy and face-to-face support. Our helpline supports more than 525 cases of road death and serious injury per year through c. 2,000 calls and emails. See www.brake.org.uk/support for more information.

As highlighted in my last letter, at the start of 2014-15, our funding was uncertain. We since secured ongoing Ministry of Justice part-funding of our services until March 2016 (for the support of road traffic crime victims) – the only road crash support charity to do so. This, alongside corporate sponsorship, means we have funding to continue providing our packs via police and offering our helpline's wide-ranging support to bereaved and seriously injured road crash victims. However as our MoJ funding was frozen at a time when demand on our services continues to rise, it covers just 53% of our support costs in 2015-16. Our team is at full stretch, posing difficulties at times of staff absence, and our ability to further develop and expand the service is restricted.

That's why we need your help. As you move to local commissioning of victim services, please bear in mind Brake is already delivering high-quality, specialist support for crash victims in your area, in partnership with police, and help us continue to do so by making a contribution to our services in your budget.



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We are asking all PCCs to provide a suggested donation to Brake of just £1,500-2,000 annually. This additional support would help plug the funding shortfall created by increases in demand from victims of road traffic crime coupled with the MoJ's funding freeze and enable us to:

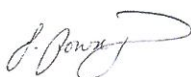
- continue liaising closely with all police forces to ensure effective distribution of our support packs;
- carry out an over-due content review and consultation on our packs;
- meet rising demand on our helpline, providing comprehensive support to all road crash victims who need us, when they need us, and continue encouraging referrals from police;
- continue providing advice to police FLOs on liaising with families effectively, and liaising with other local service providers to make onward referrals;
- collect more feedback and input from victims on the quality and outcomes of our support.

As you can imagine, it would not be practical for us as a small national charity to separately apply and report in detail to all PCCs on local delivery of our national services. However, should you be able to provide a donation as suggested above, we would be pleased to provide a short report at the end of the funding year detailing: number of packs distributed to police in your area, level of contact with police in your area and feedback from them; number of victims supported through our helpline in your area and call/email volumes; summary of feedback from victims collected nationally on quality of support and outcomes; developmental improvements.

Should you be able to make this vital contribution to our road crash support services in your area, please reply to admin@brake.org.uk confirming invoice details (donation amount, contact and address to be invoiced, PO number if required) or if any other paperwork is needed.

Your help is hugely appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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