

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

Decision Record Number: **11/2015**

Title: **2015/16 Victim Fund Considerations**

**Executive Summary:**

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It also made recommendations for a structured approach to grant funding pots covering CSP funding, specialist victims' services and the crime reduction fund.

**Decision:**

- (a) That the young person's ISVA posts and administrative support, currently funded via the MoJ's Competed Fund and based with Victim Support and Its My Right, be grant funded for a further year using the 2015/16 Victims Fund money from the MoJ;
- (b) That Hull Rape Crisis are awarded £10,000 from savings made within the OPCC as per the two year agreement made in 2014/15 following MoJ funding shortfall to local services;
- (c) That funds be made available from the Partnership Reserve to the Victims Fund to support the continuation and expansion of specialist victim support services (as per those funded by the 2014/15 Victims Fund highlighted in blue in the attached APPENDIX A) as per Option 1 in the report below;
- (d) That the evaluation criteria for the CCRF be redrafted, aimed at low-level, grass roots community investment, but include weighting for early intervention and prevention elements and be re-submitted to the Commissioner for approval, and
- (e) That an evaluation criteria be drafted to enable partners to access the CSP funding pot with a weighting towards Police and Crime Plan priorities, collaborative and cross border working and the preventative agenda and be submitted to the Commissioner for approval.

**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 Crowe*

**Date 11.02.15**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR DECISION**

**OPEN**

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**Date:**

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**1. Executive Summary**

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**2. Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that:

- (f) The young person's ISVA posts and administrative support, currently funded via the MoJ's Competed Fund and based with Victim Support and Its My Right, are grant funded for a further year using the 2015/16 Victims Fund money from the MoJ.
- (g) Hull Rape Crisis are awarded £10,000 from savings made within the OPCC as per the two year agreement made in 2014/15 following MoJ funding shortfall to local services.
- (h) That funds be made available from the CCRF to the Victims Fund to support the continuation and expansion of specialist victim support services (as per those funded by the 2014/15 Victims Fund highlighted in blue in the attached APPENDIX A) as per Option 1 in the report below.
- (i) The evaluation criteria for the CCRF be redrafted, aimed at low-level, grass roots community investment, but to include weighting for early intervention and prevention elements (suggest NK/VW task)
- (j) An evaluation criteria be drafted to enable partners to access the CSP funding pot with a weighting towards Police and Crime Plan priorities, collaborative and cross border working and the preventative agenda (suggest NK/VW task)

### 3. Background

The table below shows the funds allocated to us by the MoJ for victim services for 2015/16. Once the money for the Victim Support grant and the Remedi contract are allocated, it leaves the PCC with £211k to spend on victim support services.

| April 2015 – March 2016  | £        |
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| Victims Services   | 781,000  |
| Restorative Justice  | 208,000  |
| Total allocation (inc. referral and associated service component e.g. Victims Support) | 989,000  |
| Grant funding agreement to VS  | -570,000 |
| RJ contract to March 2016  | -208,000 |
| Total remaining  | 211,000  |

The table attached at Appendix A shows the details and funding amounts of some of those specialist support services that received money from the 2014/15 Victims Fund and the MoJ's Competed Fund.

The Competed Fund investment provided for specialist ISVA support for young victims of sexual violence and associated administration and research functions. To continue to fund these posts for a further year covering 2015/16 will cost the PCC circa £212k, essentially depleting the remainder of the above victims fund pot.

Monitoring and evaluation of the services funded in 2014/15 (colour coded blue in the Appendix) shows that the money was used to cover a wide range and depth of differing services to victims of crime, including therapy work, artistic projects, family support, fast-tracking for victims of most serious crimes, group work, advocacy and counselling, and tailored services for vulnerable ASB victims, young people, LGBTQ groups and those from ethnic and diverse backgrounds.

There is, however, no money left in the 2015/16 victims fund pot to continue to fund these essential and specialist support services after 31 March 2015, should we be approached to do so.

### 4. Options

1. As the Victims Fund is struggling to meet demand from services in the local area, but the Crime Reduction Fund still has a fairly healthy balance (?? Amount) the PCC could choose to vire over

funds from the CCRF into the Victims Fund to enable him to continue to fund these specialist services. This could be done in a lump sum at the start of the financial year, say £250k, which would provide for future funding for previous applicants, should they apply for 2015/16, and would probably also provide a 'buffer' of funding for any new applicants, or, it could be done on a 'per successful application' basis (i.e. viring the amount of each individual successful application once evaluated and agreed by the PCC)

2. The PCC could choose not to set extra funding aside for the specialist victims services and hope that they secure funding from other sources to continue providing support.

## **5. Risks**

If the PCC chooses not to set extra funding aside there is a major risk that those organisations funded in 2014/15 through the Victims Fund cannot continue to deliver these specialist services to victims of crime.

## **6. Financial Implications**

There is an immediate financial impact if recommendation i) and ii) are supported of £222,764.00. If recommendation iii) is supported there could be a future financial implication of up to £250,000.00. Those services earmarked for potential future funding (Appendix A) would account for circa £187,000.00.

## **7. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications associated with the recommendations in this paper.

## **8. Equalities Implications**

None

## **9. Consultation**

Not applicable

## **10. Media information**

None



## Specialist victim support services, projected funding considerations for 2015/16

| Organisation  | Project/Post   | 2014/15 investment                     | 2015/16 consideration                          | Future funding source   |
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| It's My Right<br>(South Bank Rape<br>Crisis services) | Young People's ISVAs and<br>supporting admin/research<br>post  | £68,500.00 (from MoJ<br>Competed Fund) | £102,000.00                                    | 2015/16 Victims Fund  |
| Victim Support<br>(North Bank)                        | Young People's ISVAs and<br>supporting admin/research<br>post  | £68,500.00 (from MoJ<br>Competed Fund) | £110,764.00<br>(overheads £18,427.00 =<br>15%) | 2015/16 Victims Fund  |
|   | <b>Total from MoJ Competed<br/>2014/15</b>   | <b>£137,000.00</b>                     |  |   |
| Hull Rape Crisis                                      | Bridge funding gap created<br>by reduction in MoJ core<br>funding  | £10,000.00 (OPCC savings)              | £10,000.00                                     | OPCC savings?   |
|   | <b>Total from 'other' 2014/15</b>  | <b>£10,000.00</b>                      |  |   |
| Cornerhouse<br>(Yorkshire)                            | Sessional workers and tutors<br>for a dance and drama<br>project for young people<br>who are victims or at risk of<br>CSE. These interventions will<br>enable young people to<br>move away from becoming<br>persistently targeted and<br>victimised. | £7,236.00 (Victims Fund)               | £15,000.00                                     | Victims fund 2015/16<br>following virement of<br>funds from the PCC's<br>CCRF |



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| Hull Women's Aid                 | Family Support Worker to work within the 'whole family' arena. The post will provide crèche services, family support for women and their children, and will support existing services.  | £8,909.00 (Victims Fund)  | £18,000.00 |  |
| Humberside Young Witness Service | Supporting children who are called to court as a victim or a witness, regardless of the offence, in Hull, the East Riding and North Lincolnshire. Expanded services into North East Lincs, recruit 20 new volunteers, provide 2-day training course for all volunteers, use the new volunteers to ensure all young witnesses have the opportunity to review and refresh their memories of their DVD prior to attending court in accordance with 'Achieving Best Evidence' | £24,382.00 (Victims Fund) | £25,000.00 |  |
| Survivors Hull and East Riding   | Fast-track clients from the most serious victims category by employing a  | £11,280.00 (Victims Fund) | £23,000.00 |  |



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|                         | <p>qualified sessional therapist, increase the number of hours worked by the administration function, provide regular clinical supervision for the sessional therapists and expanding the hours and services to the most vulnerable and serious victims.</p>  |                                  |                   |  |
| <p>The Warren</p>       | <p>Increase the current capacity of counselling, information and advice services to young people. Sessions already cater for young victims of rape and sexual offences, bullying and ASB, and homophobia and neglect. Run as a pilot study.</p> <p>Increased staff from 2.5 to 3 counsellors – allowing an increase in 20% on the current service capacity.</p> | <p>£6,021.36 (Victims Fund)</p>  | <p>£23,000.00</p> |  |
| <p>Therapy Services</p> | <p>Two sessional workers (one male and one female). The female will work with DV victims one a one-to-one</p>   | <p>£16,560.00 (Victims Fund)</p> | <p>£33,000.00</p> |  |

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|  | <p>basis, facilitate group work and run a drop-in. The male will work with male victims in a more proactive way and use half of his time undertaking awareness campaigns for men who are or have been victims of DV.</p> <p>Support provided includes: therapeutic counselling, group work, advocacy services, life coaching, cognitive behavioural therapy, hypnotherapy and a drop-in.</p> |                   |            |  |
| <p>It's My Right<br/>(South Bank Rape Crisis services)</p> | <p>Two crisis workers for victims of domestic abuse and serious sexual violence including the provision of an on-call out of hours service. These crisis workers will provide the front line of service provision, responding immediately to calls for service when they are needed the most, providing safety planning, emotional support, needs assessments,</p>                           | <p>£41,800.00</p> | <p>???</p> |  |

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|                                      | <p>risk management and onward referrals.</p> <p>They will attend a 'safe place' to meet a victim within a targeted 60 minutes, or be available at centre premises in Grimsby or Scunthorpe within 30 minutes.</p>                               |                           |            |  |  |
| VANEL – RJ Services                  | <p>Improving and increasing restorative practices and conferencing for the most vulnerable and persistently targeted victims of crime and ASB.</p> <p>The funds will be used to train more holistic and restorative victims' practitioners.</p> | £9,750.00 (Victims Fund)  | £20,000.00 |  |  |
| VANEL – ASB Victims Champion project | <p>The funding will be invested in the ASB Champion to continue to deliver a bespoke ASB Victims Champion service to vulnerable members of the local community.</p>   | £15,000.00 (Victims Fund) | £30,000.00 |  |  |

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|  | <p>The role empowers repeat victims, through Victims Focus Groups and other established community groups, to have a voice in order to help them cope and recover from their ordeal.</p> |  |                           |  |
|  | <p><b>Total from Victims Fund 2014/15</b></p>   | <p><b>£140,938.36</b></p>                      |                           |  |
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|  |   | <p><b>Total considerations for 2015/16</b></p> | <p><b>£409,764.00</b></p> |  |