



# Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

**REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 003/2016)**

**TITLE: Brake-** support for bereaved and seriously injured road crash victims

**Executive Summary:** (Précis not more than 100 words)

Brake delivers critical specialist support for bereaved and seriously injured road crime victims in partnership with police across the UK.:

Support Packs are given to bereaved families by police in Cumbria following every road death, in line with police protocols. Often described as a lifeline by victims, they provide advice on CJS procedures, practical matters, and emotional comfort.

Brakes helpline is highlighted to victims by police in Cumbria. Trained professionals provide needs-orientated support, signposting, information and advocacy on emotional, practical, domestic and procedural matters, often supporting victims through CJS procedures and liaising with police and other officials on families' behalf.

A Breakdown of the figures highlights that there have been Fatal = 15 , Serious = 125, Slight = 806 motor vehicle accidents recorded in Cumbria-year to date.

Cumbria's Collision Investigation Unit have worked with Brake for a number of years and have regular contact with their coordinators. Brake keep Cumbria supplied with a number of information packs and resources that the FLOs take out to the bereaved families they are deployed to.

**Recommendation:**

The services provided by Brake as highlighted above are currently part-funded by the Ministry of Justice, although beyond March 2016 this funding is uncertain, and it now covers a reduced proportion of the costs. Brake are looking for donations for a two year period 2015-17.

Support is crucial, helping to plug the shortfall created by increases in demand from road crime victims coupled with the MoJ's funding freeze, and enabling Brake to: meet rising demand on their helpline, providing comprehensive support to all victims who need them, when they need them; to continue liaising closely with police to ensure distribution of packs, encouraging referrals to the helpline, and offering advice on victim liaison; whilst maintaining standards of their support packs.

Brake also works with police, authorities, schools and communities to tackle road crime and bring about safer, more pleasant and sociable streets and communities.

I recommend a donation of £4,000 to Brake

**Police & Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner. Any such interests are recorded below.

I hereby approve/~~do not approve~~ the recommendation(s) above

**Police & Crime Commissioner / ~~Chief Executive~~ (delete as appropriate)**

Signature:



Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

**1. Introduction & Background**

See Above

**2. Issues for Consideration**

This could provide a press opportunity for the Commissioner

**3. Implications**

**(List and include views of all those consulted, whether they agree or disagree and why)**

3.1. Financial: N/A

3.2. Legal: N/A

3.3. Risk: Accusation of Commissioner favouring the rights of Women, this however can be removed by way of a statement as outlined above.

3.4. HR / Equality: N/A

3.5. I.T.: N/A

3.6. Procurement: N/A

3.7. Victims: N/A

**4. Backgrounds / supporting papers**

(List any relevant business case, EIA, PID, Media Strategy and append to this form; list persons consulted during the preparation of the report)

**Public Access to Information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would not compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date (if known):

Is there a **Part 2** form - NO

(If Yes, please ensure Part 2 form is completed prior to submission)

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

I confirm that this report has been considered by the Chief Officer Group and that relevant financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

Signed: *S Wiggin*

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**OFFICER APPROVAL****Chief Executive / ~~Deputy Chief Executive~~ (delete as appropriate)**

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. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner / Chief Executive(delete as appropriate).

Signature: S. Edwards

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Media Strategy**

The decision taken by the Police & Crime Commissioner may require a press announcement or media strategy. Discussed with Gill Shearer

Will a press release be required following the decision being considered? YES / NO

If yes, has a media strategy been formulated? YES / NO

Is the media strategy attached? YES/NO

What is the proposed date of the press release: