



Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 004 / 2015)

TITLE: "TURNING" provision for Cumbrian Schools

Executive Summary:

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is looking to support educating young people about Domestic Abuse within adolescent relationships. Funding the DVD and training resources, "TURNING", will build on the benefits and education gained through an impactful resource to compliment the Turning the Spotlight "Step Up" perpetrator programme. The request is for funding to purchase the resources which will :

- Provide a county wide available resource for a wide range of school audiences and attendance centres, including looked after children and where local risks have been identified.
- Add value to current services provided by the Safer Cumbria structure around addressing Domestic Abuse, including engaging partners in the education process.
- Build in learning that can be passed on through schools and other partners that will live on.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is asked to provide a total of £5,000 to be allocated to provide:

- Produced in association with' credit on the film and in the supporting, printed training materials
- 30+ copies and associate learning tools
- Perpetual, lifetime licence

The funding will ensure Cumbria's secondary school and at risk young people receive tailored information and education that meets their needs and promotes awareness of domestic abuse within adolescent relationships. The aim is to instill awareness that will be part of an approach to ensure that young people in our communities are protected through education, engagement and partnership working.

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



Signature:

Date: 12th February 2016

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

1. Introduction & Background

1.1

Tcd's production of "TURNING" is a sequel to their powerful production "Leaving". It is an innovative and powerful production highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of domestic abuse in the relationships between young people. The production will be predominantly depicted through the eyes of a potential perpetrator. It will explore a young adult relationship where the early signs of abusive behaviour are becoming increasingly present. TURNING offers an insight into what make someone abusive aiming to explore "why do they do that" and further stimulate discussion in a training environment. This is a very useful and innovative way of raising awareness of the issues relating to domestic abuse and reaching young people, giving them some skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves from this form of abuse"

1.2

The production team behind TURNING have previously produced the award-winning, nationally-used training drama "Leaving", which has been found to be an essential part of day-to-day practice in the field of domestic violence awareness and prevention. The production team are looking for support to produce its long awaited and much requested follow-up. The founding funding partner, Family Action, are providing initial financial support but on its own will not be enough to produce the film.

2. Issues for Consideration.

2.1 This resource will provide a further tool to raise awareness around the growing concern and rising figures in relation to Domestic Abuse within adolescent relationships.

2.2 Protecting young people vulnerable to risk taking behaviour and Domestic Abuse is a key objective in the Police and Crime Plan, it is a Force priority on Cumbria Constabulary's Control Strategy and Intelligence requirement.

2.3 The provision of the DVD and training materials will build on and enhance current partnership initiatives:

- Domestic Violence subgroups (Strategic and Operational level) form part of the Safer Cumbria partnership structure. The groups are dedicated to overseeing the work done to prevent, protect and pursue Domestic Abuse.
- Quarterly FISCH meetings (Independent Schools and Children's Care homes)-to share best practise and build relationships with the establishments to improve Safeguarding of some of our most vulnerable children
- Strong partnerships with 3rd sector organisations (Inspira, Barnardos, NSPCC etc)-working together with children to support them and hear their voice.

2.4 The Constabulary and statutory partners have recently completed a Domestic Abuse problem profile a recommendation of which is to *Liaise with partners and OPCC regarding preventative education programmes for schools to raise the profile / increase identification of domestic abuse.'*

2.5 The DV lead for the Constabulary and the Constabulary's School's Officers have agreed that this is a useful resource.

3. Implications

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

3.1 Financial

Total amount of funding is £5,000 to be allocated from the commissioned services budget.

3.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

3.3 Risk

There are reputational and public confidence risks associated to the OPCC and the Constabulary if the obligation to raise awareness and protect young people from the dangers of Domestic Abuse are not fully met. Continued drive and full commitment to raising awareness must be maintained with appropriate guidance regarding the most vulnerable schools and locations from the LSCB.

3.4 HR/Equality

Cumbria Police are committed to providing the best possible service to our communities, ensuring everyone has fair access to all our services and treating everyone with respect at all times.

3.5 I.T.

There are no I.T. implications

3.6 Procurement. There are no procurement implications.

3.7 Victims

Improve the knowledge and understanding of our young people within the most at risk areas. The project will assist in identifying how and what makes someone become abusive and why they do it. By working in collaboration with partners, ensure victims are provided with appropriate support.

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 Executive and that relevant financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

Signed: Vivian Stafford

Date: 11th February 2016

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: 11th February 2016

Media Strategy

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

Will a press release be required following the decision being considered? YES

If yes, has a media strategy been formulated? NO

Is the media strategy attached? NO

What is the proposed date of the press release: