



# Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

**REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 009/ 2017)**

**TITLE: Extension of Turning the Spotlight Programme**

## **Executive Summary:**

The current Turning the Spotlight project is due to finish 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Following the success of the Turning the Spotlight Programmes on Domestic Abuse the Head of Partnerships and Commissioning seeks to extend funding to Victim Support to continue to deliver the Relationships without Conflict and Parenting without Conflict programmes county wide for a further 6 months until the end of September 2017.

During the 6 month extension a single tender exercise is planned which will ensure the future sustainability and provision of a holistic domestic abuse perpetrator programme in our county.

The extended period will allow continuity and consistency of service throughout Cumbria, providing interventions aimed at reducing incidents of domestic abuse, supporting victims and working with families to recognise and address abusive/violent behaviour within their relationships.

Extension of the project will also allow for the completion and consideration of an independent systematic evaluation of the programme currently being undertaken by Brathay Trust.

## **Recommendation:**

The Commissioner is asked to approve a 6 month extension in relation to the Turning the Spotlight Programme on Domestic Abuse currently being delivered by Victim Support.

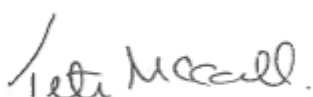
- The cost of extending the project for a further 6 months equates to £147,000

**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/ the recommendation(s) above

**Police & Crime Commissioner / (delete as appropriate)**



**Signature:**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

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

**1. Introduction & Background**

The aim of the project is to deliver a domestic abuse perpetrator programme taking a holistic approach working with whole families to reduce incidents of domestic abuse. The project focuses on working with perpetrators to address their behaviour, as well as providing support for victims of domestic abuse including children.

For families who want to stay together after an incident of domestic abuse the Domestic Abuse-Families Programme “Relationships without conflict” helps manage emotions, to see things in perspective and to learn to reduce stress. It provides participants with skills, knowledge and understanding to be aware of their behaviour and take responsibility. It provides skills to manage conflict and is available to men and women who are willing to look at and change their behaviour and who may or may not have children.

For participants who have children the “Families without conflict” section of this programme provides new skills to build and develop positive relationships. Communicating and staying calm, coping with difficult behaviours, operating as a family together as a team, understanding stages of child development and the impact of domestic abuse on children. These programmes help to

positively change unacceptable behaviours in the home and assist in creating a safer family environment.

## **SERVICE OUTCOMES**

- An improved relationship between Perpetrators and their Victims and children which is underpinned by respect and effective communication.
- Victims and children feel heard and cared about.
- Victims are aware of and understand their available choices and are empowered to use this information to establish and maintain their independence and respond appropriately to issues about their own and their children's safety.
- Decreased isolation from services resulting in increased access to support for Victims and children.
- Improved and safer parenting.
- Improved life-chances for Perpetrators, for example, in terms of work / volunteering, self-esteem, reduction in substance misuse etc.
- Perpetrators, Victims and their children are healthier, both physically and mentally.
- Perpetrators exhibit reduction/ cessation of coercive, controlling and violent behaviour.
- There is a reduction in repeat offences.

## **2. Issues for Consideration**

Victim Support are currently working in partnership with Restorative Thinking to deliver the Turning the Spotlight Relationships without conflict and Parenting without conflict programmes.

The aim of the programme is to prevent escalation of Domestic Abuse in the home by working proactively with Perpetrators to address, challenge and change their abusive behaviours.

The project is currently being independently evaluated by Brathay Trust around what the impact of domestic violence perpetrator programmes has on criminal justice and victim related outcomes. What are the theories of change associated with effective domestic abuse perpetrator programmes and how intervention works on perpetrator thoughts and behaviour (mechanisms) and what factor or factors need to change for that mechanism to work (mediators); the evaluation will ensure a platform of evidence based learning on 'What Works' which will drive improvements to the existing programme and in turn will ensure sustainability for service provision in Cumbria.

Within Cumbria the Commissioner aims to break the cycle of Domestic abuse within families, reduce incidents of abuse and put an end to repeat victimisation. In so doing there are four key strands which form part of the cycle of activity. These four strands are:

- (1) Prevention;
- (2) Provision of services to Victims and their families;
- (3) Working in partnership; and
- (4) Tackling Perpetrators' behaviour

At this present time there is no similar programme available within Cumbria, unless the perpetrator is within the criminal justice system.

### 3. Implications

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

#### 3.1. Financial:

No financial risks have been identified at this stage. The delivery of the service has been consistent and service provision established.

#### 3.2. Legal:

No legal risks have been identified as the process is in accordance with Grant Regulations 2017/2020 and Joint Procurement Regulations relating to direct commissioning for specialist services.

#### 3.3. Risk:

Risks around service delivery are mitigated by robust contract management process

#### 3.4. HR / Equality:

No HR and/or Equality risks have been identified at this stage

#### 3.5. I.T.:

There are no IT risks as service provision is provided using existing systems.

#### 3.6. Procurement:

The proposal to extend the service for a further 6 months is in line with Procurement Regulations and has been approved and overseen by the Head of Procurement.

#### 3.7. Victims:

Continuation of service provision will ensure support and intervention is available to victims of domestic abuse in Cumbria

### 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)

- Joint Procurement Regulations – March 2016 [G:\OPCC\Grants - Awards\Procurement Regulations March 2016 PF \(2\).pdf](G:\OPCC\Grants - Awards\Procurement Regulations March 2016 PF (2).pdf)

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Is the publication of this form to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason: N/A

Until what date (if known): N/A

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: Sandra Wiggin**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

**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: Stuart Edwards**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

**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? NO

If yes, has a media strategy been formulated? NO

Is the media strategy attached? NO

What is the proposed date of the press release: