



# Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

**REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 010 / 2017)**

**TITLE: Extension of Step-up Programme (Turning the Spotlight)**

## **Executive Summary:**

Following the success of the Step Up programme, implemented as part of the Turning the Spotlight Programmes around Domestic Abuse. The Head of Partnerships and Commissioning seeks to extend the contract with Restorative Solutions for a further 2 years 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The current Step Up contract is due to finish 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. In order to provide continuity and ensure a consistent service across Cumbria, to support families who experience domestic abuse from children/young people towards their parents/guardians and to provide interventions aimed at reducing incidents of domestic abuse it is proposed that a further 2 years of funding be granted. Further funding will allow the programme to expand and be accessible across the County, it will also ensure the future sustainability and provision of an adolescent domestic abuse perpetrator programme in our county.

## **Recommendation:**

The Commissioner is asked to approve a further two years of funding to allow Restorative Solutions to continue to deliver the Step up programme and to allow for the programme to be rolled out across Cumbria.

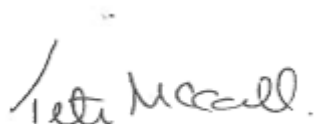
- The cost of extending the project for a further 2 years equates to £61,500 per year; £123,000 in total

**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 Step-up programme is an Adolescent Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme taking a holistic approach working with whole families who experience adolescent domestic abuse. The goal of Step-Up is for youths to stop violence and abuse toward their family and develop respectful family relationships so that all family members feel safe at home. Parents/Guardians and young people receive support through a programme of workshops over an 8, 12 or 21 week period (depending on need), consisting of 2 hourly sessions in either a Youth Group or Parent Group/Family Groups. Parents will learn a model of respectful parenting that balances leadership and positive support, promoting non-violence and respect in the family. In family groups both parents and young people learn and practice skills with feedback and support from others.

- The funding will support outcomes based focused activity, with clear and measureable outcomes for the proposed spend;
- The approach will maximise the partnership base ( including voluntary and community sector and private sector partners) through a clear alignment with local partners;
- Deliver value for money and
- The approach should reduce demand on the police and other linked statutory partners and reduce first time and repeat perpetration of domestic abuse by adolescents in their homes.

## **2. Issues for Consideration**

Restorative Solutions are a Community Interest Company (CIC) working on a 'not for profit' basis. Restorative Solutions are:

- Dedicated to providing a range of Restorative Services;
- Developing and delivering innovative RJ approaches for front line workers, professionals, volunteers, young people & other diverse sectors;
- Working with ACPO and Ministry of Justice (MOJ), National Offender Manager Service (NOMS), Police and Crime Commissioners and the Home Office, to deliver national Restorative Justice (RJ) programmes.

They have bedrock of national experience delivering restorative services and training and their contributions to the Step Up programme will deliver value for money.

The scope of the service has been shaped by providers ensuring a consistent approach to domestic abuse intervention is available in Cumbria.

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.

## **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 contract for a further 2 years 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. This programme is aimed at reducing victimisation and offending.

**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: