



Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 015/2016)

TITLE: Funding to deliver the Step Up youth domestic abuse prevention programme in Cumbria

Executive Summary:

The proposal within is the award of £28,800 plus VAT to Restorative Solutions CIC to:

- Extend the development and delivery in Cumbria of the 'Step Up' adolescent domestic abuse prevention programme.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is asked to agree to extended grant funding of Restorative Solutions to deliver a 3rd cohort of the 'Step Up' programme. This follows on from the successful delivery of cohort 1 in Barrow and successful recruitment to a second cohort in Barrow where there is a high need for this type of intervention. It is anticipated that the 3rd cohort will be run in West Cumbria. The original grant agreement was for 2 cohorts.

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: 09th March 2016

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

1. Introduction & Background

Cumbria's OPCC has secured Home Office funding to develop an innovative approach to create healthy and respectful relationships between adolescents and their families. The programme will be based on the 'Step-Up' project, an acclaimed American adolescent family violence intervention program designed to address youth violence toward family members. 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.

<http://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/step-up.aspx>.

The purpose of the grant is to fund Restorative Solutions, who were named as partners in the Home Office Bid, working in partnership with the OPCC and the Youth Offending Service, to design and deliver this Step Up programme for Cumbria.

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.

2. Issues for Consideration.

The delivery of the Step Up programme is a partnership approach, with Restorative Solutions contributing in-kind to the delivery via their direct liaison with families identified as suitable and also training Cumbrian Practitioners to deliver Step Up in Cumbria. The initial test-bed of cohorts relies on partnership working with the Youth offending service.

The revised Police and Crime Plan 2012 to 2017 places emphasis on working with young people, pledging:

'Over the next three years (the PCC) will be contributing more than £165,000 towards youth projects aimed at supporting young people. The key and often forgotten part of the criminal justice system is prevention. Levels of youth crime are unacceptably high and these grants are an attempt to steer young people away from criminal activity as early as possible.'

The proposal, if funded, will enable Restorative Solutions to develop and bespoke the American Step Up programme for young people in Cumbria. Broadly speaking the approaches will involve:

- Producing bespoke programme material;
- Delivering two briefing days for up to eight Practitioners delivering the programme;
- Assess all referrals to programme (including personal visit to family);
- Deliver 2 x 21 - 24 sessions of programme to up to 16 young people and families in each programme within Cumbria;
- Conduct a review of delivery and provide a report to the OPCCC and Co-operate with evaluators engaged by the OPCC.
- The funding will support outcomes based focused activity, with clear and measureable outcomes for the proposed spend;
- The approach will maximise the partnership base (potentially 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.

3. Implications

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

- 3.1. Financial; There will be no foreseeable financial cost to the Constabulary
- 3.2. Legal; there are no legal implications (see 3.6 below).
- 3.3. Risk; There are reputational and public confidence risks associated for the OPCC if delivery is not made on pledges to reduce young offending and increase education, specifically around domestic abuse.
- 3.4. HR / Equality; the cohorts will be identified through the Youth offending Service and based in the areas of greatest need and demand.
- 3.5. I.T. There are no I.T. implications.
- 3.6. Procurement. The Grant Regulations of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner allow for the Chief Executive in consultation with the Commissioner to determine exemptions to the open award process. Specifically in this case direct award of funding through a grant agreement can be made to secure collaborative arrangements on the basis of pooled budgets with other public sector partners to discharge shared responsibilities where to do so secures value for money from the commissioning process in respect of outcomes and the efficiency of the commissioning process in pooling expertise and experience and providing economy of scale. In this particular case Restorative Solutions will be working in partnership with the Youth Offending Service to pool and increase experience and assist in meeting Youth Offending Service targets around the reduction of re-offending by young people.
- 3.7. Victims. This programme is aimed at reducing victimisation and offending.

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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: ...Vivian Stafford..... Date: 07 March 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: Stuart Edwards

Date: 7th March 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? **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: