



Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 031 / 2017)

TITLE: Turning the Spotlight

Executive Summary:

Following a successful application to the Police Innovation Fund in 2015 The Turning the Spotlight domestic abuse programme was introduced across Cumbria, taking an holistic approach working with whole families, using restorative principles to reduce incidents of domestic abuse, improve behaviour and reduce demand on the Constabulary. Following the success of the Turning the Spotlight Programmes on Domestic Abuse funding was extended in March 2017 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. The extended period allowed 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 allowed for the completion and consideration of an independent systematic evaluation of the programme undertaken by Brathay Trust.

Taking forward the learning from the Turning the Spotlight programme, evaluation of the programme, updated needs assessments and a Domestic Abuse workshop it is proposed that a Turning the Spotlight style, community based Domestic Abuse programme directed at low/medium risk cases is developed, coordinated and delivered across the county. The service will aim to work with whole families, specifically where children 0-18yrs are at risk from the effects of Domestic Abuse and the Perpetrator continues to live in the family home or who has considerable contact with the family.

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.
- Boost reporting, thereby improving confidence
- Reduce repeat victimisation, supporting victims/survivors of domestic abuse to cope and recover
- Improve victim satisfaction and public confidence in the criminal justice system
- Reduce attrition from the criminal justice system for victims/survivors of domestic violence who report to the police.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is asked to provide funding for the development, coordination and delivery of a Turning the Spotlight style, community based Domestic Abuse programme directed at low/medium risk cases across the county over a two and a half year period from 1st October 2017 to 31st March 2020. The service will aim to work with whole families, specifically where children 0-18yrs are at risk from the effects of Domestic Abuse and the Perpetrator continues to live in the family home or who has considerable contact with the family.

It is recommended that funding is made available for this project.

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: 03 July 2017**

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

1. Introduction & Background

It is estimated that in Cumbria the cost of DVA is £48 million per annum in terms of costs and services. Without engaging with perpetrators, no real progress into ending domestic violence can be made. On arrest some perpetrators wanted the Police to direct them to perpetrator programmes or other sources of help. A study by a government team involving interviews of 62 male perpetrators revealed that on average each had been in contact with three agencies. Over half had requested help from their GP's under the guise of being "sad" (depressed) or a mental health-needing psychological/psychiatric care. Because of this we are keen to emphasise the preventative aspects of the programme.

1.1 Following a successful application to the Police Innovation Fund in 2015 and by introducing a proof of concept pilot scheme in South Cumbria area we were able to effectively assess the impact it would

have on perpetrators and victims of domestic abuse and create a workable template of intervention to be replicated across Cumbria.

The Turning the Spotlight domestic abuse programme was introduced across Cumbria, taking an holistic approach working with whole families, using restorative principles to reduce incidents of domestic abuse, improve behaviour and reduce demand on the Constabulary.

Taking forward the learning from the Turning the Spotlight project and in addition to the evaluation of the programme, an updated Victims Needs Assessment has been carried out, a Sexual Abuse Needs Assessment has been completed and a Domestic Abuse workshop took place in December 2016, all of which identified the need and benefits for preventative and intervention services to be available in respect of Domestic Abuse for perpetrators, victims and their children.

1.2 The provision of a domestic violence perpetrator intervention is in line with the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan and the priorities of the Safer Cumbria Partnership and is seen as a key means of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse. Providers are expected to ensure that the service effectively integrates with and adds value to existing local services and partnerships such as the Victim Support referral service, IDVA, ISVA and IDVA service, CRC , HMP Haverigg and Children's Services to maximize the value of local provision for victims/survivors and perpetrators . This will include working with these partners to develop effective referral pathways, ensure effective implementation, service delivery and enable continuous feedback and improvement. The provision of a domestic violence perpetrator intervention is in line with the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan and the priorities of the Safer Cumbria Partnership and is seen as a key means of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse. The programme will have clear objectives.

The commissioning approach will be outcome based, to ensure effective delivery and value for money. The Service will support people to successfully complete the DVA Programme and Interventions. As a result we will have:

- A reduction in violent offending link to domestic abuse
- Assessment scores for victims feeling safer, less abusive behaviour – abusive behaviour inventory.
- Measures of victim empowerment to seek assistance
- Self-reported quality measures from clients to be confirmed with commissioners.
- Reduction in repeat victims of domestic abuse
- Service users have improved self-esteem, motivation, confidence, emotional health and well-being and physical health and are able to rebuild their lives.
- Parents report an improved experience of family life and their relationships with their children.
- Service users are more able to make safe choices leading to a reduction of domestic abuse incidents
- Reduce the numbers of children and young people likely to become either victim or perpetrator of domestic abuse as a result of exposure or learned behaviours.
- Evidence of collaborative working and transformational practice
- Evidence of participant insight into breaking the cycle of abuse

2. Issues for Consideration.

2.1 The provision of a domestic violence perpetrator intervention is in line with the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan and the priorities of the Safer Cumbria Partnership and is seen as a key means of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse.

3. Implications

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

3.1 Financial

Sufficient funding is available within the OPCC budget

3.2 Legal

There are no legal implications. Award will be made by way of small grant agreement signed by both parties

3.3 Risk

No risks identified at this stage. If any risks are identified these will be added to the risk register. Risk will be monitored on a quarterly basis

3.4 HR/Equality N/A

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is 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. Funding will be by way of a competitive grant application which will be advertised on the blue light portal and via the Safer Cumbria Partnership.

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

Signed: *Sandra Wiggín*

Date: 30th June 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:

Date:

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: Post 21st August 2017

