



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To inform the Board on the progress of the work to build Restorative Justice (RJ) capacity; build capacity and capability of wider Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) providers to enable them to prepare and deliver local commissioning.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board to note the progression of work to date as outlined in the draft commissioning intentions presented at January 22 Business Coordination Board (BCB) meeting, which was informed by the Strategic Vision for Support for Victims in Cambridgeshire.

3. Capacity and capability building in Cambridgeshire

- 3.1 From October 2014 Police and Crime Commissioners will be responsible for commissioning the majority of emotional and practical support services for victims of crime locally. Specific support services will be targeted at those most in need.
- 3.2 In November 2013 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was informed that they would be receiving £299k to build RJ capacity, build capacity and capability of the wider VCSE providers in advance of local commissioning and for preparation of local commissioning.
- 3.3 Cambridgeshire had previously signalled its intentions to become one of eight areas to pilot the provision of the local referral services through a constabulary-based Victims' Hub. The detail of which is contained within a separate paper to this Board.
- 3.4 The evidence-based Draft Commissioning Intentions (supported by the inter-agency Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board (CCJB) and Victim and Witnesses Group) for

allocating the £299k funding was shared with the BCB in January and agreed as the correct direction of travel.

- 3.5 At this early stage in the Victims' Commissioning process the MoJ agreed to allow OPCCs to grant monies to recipients. It was recognised that the majority of the allocations are not only below the threshold for tendering but are for short-term non-recurrent capacity building. Therefore with the exception of the Restorative Justice Research and Audit (3 quotes to be sought) and Cambridgeshire Constabulary the funding will be granted due to either being below the relevant thresholds or being existing specialist services.

3.6 Current intended spends in line with Commissioning Intentions

Recipient	Award	Rationale
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	£100k	Development of Victim Hub to act as a six-month local referral pilot. This will include: funding a project manager post and developing a virtual resource centre for victims of crime.
Cambridge Rape Crisis Peterborough Rape Crisis	£35k	Joint funding to build capacity and capability in areas of need.
Drug Link (VCSE)	£30k	One off set up costs for Alcohol Diversion Scheme
Cambridgeshire County Council	£25k	Expertise and resources provided to enable effective commissioning.
Cambridgeshire County Council Research Team	£5k £5k	Research to better understand the rate of victimisation in Cambridgeshire to enable effective strategies to be put in place to reduce the number of victims. Research to better understand why some people choose not to report crime.
Cambridgeshire YOS	£10k	Accelerate roll out of, and build RJ capacity, in Cambridgeshire schools
Peterborough YOS	£10k	Build RJ capacity in Peterborough
Women's Aid Cambridge	£10k	Work to support capacity and capability of potential providers of services to enable the victims of most serious crime to cope and recover.
Peterborough	£2.5k	Development of local scheme and training

Neighbourhood Watch		of local co-ordinators to provide community-level support
OPCC	£5k	To set up and run a Provider Forum To carry out intensive Victim Engagement work to prepare for future commissioning
Restorative Justice Research and Audit	£18k	Research work to understand the impact of Restorative Justice Interventions on victims to inform future commissioning.
Regional Co-Ordination	£10k	Establish a collaboration agreement co-ordination post
	£265.5k	Total current proposed spend
Capability and Capacity Projects in development	£34k	
Total Victims and Restorative Justice funding	£299.5k	

3.7 Work to finalise the spend of the full allocation is ongoing and it is expected the final details will be brought to the March BCB. This work is likely to include capacity and capability building of VCSE to support trafficked people and repeat victims.

4. Recommendation

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Document (s)	Contact Officer	Location
Draft Commissioning Intentions Strategic vision of support for victims in Cambridgeshire	Nicky Phillipson Interim Strategic Advisor	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA