

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2020-054	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Children and Young People Victims' Interim Service 2021/2022
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding for a Children and Young People Victims' Interim Service to be delivered as part of the Connect Gwent Hub for 2021/2022.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions, so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.
2. Consideration is required to continue to provide financial support for an interim service for children and young people who have been victims of crime, as part of the Connect Gwent Hub for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Umbrella Cymru have been providing an interim service since the previous contract with Embrace ended in 2018. A procurement process was expected to be completed in 2019, to secure a more sustainable solution. However, there were a number of unforeseen delays and the procurement exercise was not completed. A re-commissioning exercise for adult victims' services is planned for 2021/2022 and with the delay in procuring the children and young people's victim service, it is now appropriate for the scope of the adult victims' service re-commissioning exercise to be broadened to include the procurement of a children and young people's service. It is expected that greater value for money can be achieved by procuring adult and children's victims' services together. In order to ensure that children and young people in Gwent who are affected by crime, continue to be offered a quality service whilst the re-commissioning exercise to jointly secure children and adults victims services can be completed, an interim provision will be required for 2021/2022.

3. Umbrella Cymru's work continues to be monitored by the Connect Gwent Hub Coordinator and reports are made to the Police and Crime Commissioner. The organisation is already based in Connect Gwent so can action the referrals via the existing pathways, enabling provision of continuous support for children, young people and their families. They have the appropriate policies, procedures and insurance to deliver the service required. The organisation has submitted a proposal to continue delivery of the service in 2021/2022, which has been reviewed by OPCC and Gwent Police representatives. A recommendation has been made by this Review Panel that Umbrella Cymru continues to provide the interim service for children and young people affected by crime in Gwent during 2021/2022.

4. I have considered the requirements under both Acts, the current service provision landscape, the recommendation made by the Panel reviewing the proposal and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will continue to provide Umbrella Cymru with funding to deliver victim services to children and young people in Gwent on an interim basis. I am awarding Umbrella Cymru £74,872 for the delivery of this service in 2021/2022.

5. The arrangements will be set out in a Grant Agreement, which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

As a minimum, in order to monitor the service delivered, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report, which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;
- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risks; and
- Learning.

Where additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions are recommended, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportional, have been linked to the release of funding.

Organisations offered funding will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation. Payment of grants is subject

to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed



Date

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