

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2022-038	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Connect Gwent Funding for Partner Organisations 2023/24
Summary	To record the decision to provide victim's services grant funding provided by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to partner organisations working in the Connect Gwent Hub for the financial year 2023/24

## 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, out of the base grant allocation of MOJ victim services funding, to the below listed partnership organisations, in order that they can continue to provide their services as part of the Connect Gwent Hub for the 2023/24 financial year. Their work continues to be monitored by the Connect Gwent Hub Coordinator and reports are made to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Strategy and Performance Board.

**Age Cymru Gwent - £19,977** - To continue to fund 21 hours of support by the Older People's Caseworker. The Older People's Caseworker will provide person-centred support to people aged over 50 that have been affected by crime.

**Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) - £30,785** - To continue to fund the Well-Being Practitioner jointly with ABUHB. Connect Gwent has a Community Psychiatric Nurse (the Well-Being Practitioner) that will pick up any appropriate referrals, undertake mental health assessments and is able to refer directly into mental health provision without the need to access GP services. The funding provided to ABUHB contributes to the overall costs of the post.

**Umbrella Cymru - £5,000** - To fund Umbrella Cymru as a provider of services in Connect Gwent. Umbrella Cymru provides support to those victims of crime who require it in relation to their gender or sexual identity.
3. I have considered the requirements under both Acts, the current service provision landscape and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent

and have decided that I will continue to provide victim services funding to these partnerships organisations out of the MOJ funding allocation for 2023/24.

Each of these organisations will need to provide me with such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent, as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan.

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

As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, 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 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.


Applicant organisations 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

18/04/2023

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<b>Background papers</b>	Connect Gwent proposals 2022/2023  Connect Gwent Guidance and Criteria 2022/2023  Connect Gwent Monitoring Reports 2022/2023, as previously submitted as evidence for continuation of business.