



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive

DECISION NO. 2015/27

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT:

Sexual Abuse Victims Support Fund – grant awards for 2014/15 and 2015/16 – Fund 1 Round 2

SUMMARY:

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) is administering two funds, totalling £4.85m, in partnership with the Home Office, to support non statutory organisations supporting victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

Following the application, scoring, moderation, quality assurance and allocation stages, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Norfolk is now able to announce the successful applicants and the proposed awards for Round 2, subject to written confirmation and acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

In total, eight organisations will receive funding and the successful applicants and the proposed awards are set out at Appendix 1

RECOMMENDATION:

The PCC agrees the allocation of funds set out in Appendix 1.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation as outlined above is approved.

Signature *A.W. Bell*

Date 4th December 2015

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 Over the last two years there has been a 58% increase in reporting of child sexual abuse and a 31% increase in reporting of rape in last twelve months.
- 1.2 The Child Abuse Victims Support Fund was established by the Home Secretary to enable non-statutory organisations to meet the resulting increase in demand to support both victims and survivors across the country.
- 1.3 The additional £7 million of funding from the Home Office and Ministry of Justice for services supporting victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and sexual abuse for 2014/15 and 2015/16 is broken down into three components...
 - £2.15m uplift across 84 Rape Support Centres across the country (of which many applied to the below two funds).
 - £2m fund (Fund 1) to non-statutory organisations who report an increase in demand as a direct result of the announcement of the Child Sexual Abuse Inquiry.
 - £2.85 million fund (Fund 2) for non-statutory organisations providing support across England and Wales to meet increased demand for services from victims and survivors of sexual abuse.
- 1.4 The OPCCN was chosen to support the Home Office by administering Funds 1 and 2 due to the position of the Chief Constable for Norfolk as the National Policing Lead for Child Protection and Abuse Investigation and the commitment of the Police and Crime Commissioner to supporting victims of sexual abuse as evidenced through his Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.5 For Funds 1 and 2 (round 1) a robust application process was devised, including detailed criteria for each fund. Bidding for the Funds under Round 1 opened on 2 February 2015 and closed on the 2 March 2015 and a total of 299 applications were received.
- 1.6 Due to the under allocation of funds (predominantly) from Fund 1, a second round of funding from Fund 1 was launched to 22 eligible organisations on 4 September 2015 and closed on 28 September 2015. Enhanced criteria and revised FAQ/Application Guidance were also introduced for round 2.
- 1.7 All applications were subjected to a robust three stage scoring, moderation and quality assurance process undertaken by the OPCCN and Home Office policy staff.
- 1.8 Following the scoring, moderation and quality assurance process, the final decisions on awards were made by members of a Senior Oversight Board, which included the PCC for Norfolk. The role of the Board was as follows...

- Scrutiny and quality assurance of the processes for the management and delivery of Fund 1.
- Scrutiny of the financial health of applicants and systems of control to manage funds awarded.
- Ensuring the fair allocation of resources based on the quality of applications and needs of victims and survivors.

1.9 The Senior Oversight Board agreed as follows...

- To make full awards to eight organisations for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

1.10 A list of successful applicants and proposed awards for Fund 1 Round 2 for 2014/15 and 2015/16 is set out at Appendix 1.

1.11 All awards will be confirmed in writing in December 2015 and subject to agreement of the terms and conditions set out in the grant agreement with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

2.1 The total cost of the Sexual Abuse Victims Support Fund will be met from a Home Office Grant of £4.85m.

2.2 The OPCCNs costs in connection with the Funds will be reimbursed by the Home Office.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

3.1 None.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to PCC and DPCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date:

4-12-15

FUND 1 – DECEMBER 2015 CHILD ABUSE INQUIRY SUPPORT FUND		
Organisation	Bid Name/Details	Proposed Award Total
The Birchall Trust	The Birchall Trust Child Sexual Abuse Support Programme	£56,123
CIS'ters	Supporting Through the Ages	£27,267
Crisis Point	Specialist Therapeutic Counselling Service for Adult and Child Victims of Child Sexual Abuse	£37,076
Family Matters	Counselling and support for victims and rape and sexual abuse	£53,912
Savana	Savana Inc Ltd	£31,208
Someone Cares	Reaching Out @ Someone Cares	£14,467
Supportline Essex	Survive & Thrive – Supporting Victims of Sexual Crime	£39,000
SV2	SV2 – Specialist Counselling Service for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse	£68,080