

Police and Crime Commissioner Record of Decision



Decision Detail	Use of Community Safety Fund Underspend 2021-22
Business Area	OPCC - Service Delivery
Decision No:	010_2022
Date	03/02/2022

Executive Summary

During COVID and impact on the court system, the OPCC needed to ensure victim services remain stable and managed demand during the pandemic, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) provided additional funding to PCCs (via a bidding process).

Wiltshire was successful in securing additional funds, but allocation to victim services was hampered due to delayed MoJ guidance. Consequentially the December 2021 - 22 budget monitoring statement identifies a projected underspend.

The proposal seeks to reallocate the resultant underspend to address sustainability of additional MOJ time limited funding ending. This is to mitigate risks of sudden reductions in resources and capacity across victim services whilst CJS delays continue. The projected outcomes will support maintaining the victim service capacity at COVID levels and reduce the impact of increasing delays in the CJS and mitigate increased victim attrition.

Decision:

The Commissioner is asked to authorise the proposed allocation of 2021-22 Community Safety Fund Underspend funds to support victim service providers.

Lead officer

CEO

Implications

Please read appendix A in regard to this supporting information

Has considerations been taken following:	Yes	No
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equality and Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments

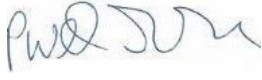
Additional comments

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I have read the documents and I confirm the decision to proceed as recommended.

Signed:



Date: 23/02/2022

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Comments: The Chief Finance Officer (OPCC) has been consulted and confirmed adjusting existing budgets therefore no financial implications.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Comments: There are no legal implications

Equality and Diversity Implications

Comments: Services are accessible from victims of crime either through police reporting or self-referrals. Additional funding will support maintaining access to support as soon as possible across a range of services

Sustainability Implications

Comments: There are no sustainability implications

Risk Management

Comments: This recommendation aims to mitigate risk of CJS delays and offer continued support to victims during a longer CJS process. Many victims are vulnerable and require a range of practical, emotional and advocacy support, as well as in crime types where improving CJS outcomes is a significant priority. This resourcing aims to not only continue to provide access to services, but also to reduce the risk of victims continuing to engage and support CJS outcomes.

This recommendation has been reviewed against a arrange of other pipeline projects in commissioning and service delivery. As such missed opportunities to take these forwards are identified. As these services are not in place, it is deemed the risk to existing services is greater than opportunity cost of these decisions. The pipeline projects will remain in place and can be utilised for future funding opportunities. Especially if longer term funding can be identified or demand for victims' services reduces.

Monitoring Officer Approval

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been considered. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed:



Dated: 23/02/2022

Public Access to Information: APPENDIX A

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Is there a Part 2 form?

No

If yes, for what reason: Disclosure of information in Part 2 Commercial sensitivity and may be a breach of terms of the Lease

Appendix 1:

Appendix A - Victim Cliff Edge Funding

Option A - Repeat Funding		Recommendation: To not proceed with this option as insufficient funds to provide repeat funding to all services at the same level
Firstlight	19,940	
Nelson Trust (DA - £23,700 / SA - £6,300)	30,000	
Splitz (DA - £51,507 / SA - £34,937)	86,444	
Swindon Women's Aid	30,000	
Wiltshire Service Users Network (DA - £2,395 / SA - £637)	3,032	
Total:	169,416	

Option B - Funding Sexual Abuse Services		Recommendation: Not able to just fund sexual abuse services or domestic abuse services so this is not an option
Splitz	34,937	
Firstlight	19,940	
Wiltshire Service Users Network	637	
Total:	55,514	

Option C - Funding		
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Domestic Abuse Services		Recommendation: Not able to just fund sexual abuse services or domestic abuse services so this is not an option
Splitz	51,507	
Swindon Women's Aid	30,000	
Wiltshire Service Users Network	2,395	
Total:	83,902	

Option D - Funding in Priority Order	FY Funding	Recommendation: (a) That prioritisation of funding should be to sexual abuse services as listed 1-4 for a 12 month period at a cost of £78,909 (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023) (b) Should additional funding be available, six months funding should be provided to Splitz and Swindon Women's Aid at a cost of £30,254 (1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022)
(1) Splitz (sexual abuse services)	34,937	
(2) Firstlight	19,940	
(3) Wiltshire Service Users Network (DA £2,395 / SA - £637)	3,032	
(4) Splitz (counselling / therapeutic support)	21,000	
(5) Splitz (domestic abuse services)	30,507	
(6) Swindon Women's Aid	30,000	
Total:	139,416	

Rationale for prioritisation:

1. Posts/provision directly providing services to victims
2. Supporting victims of sexual violence/abuse services (sensitivity, demand and waiting lists)

Recommendation to Commissioner:

Based on the above prioritisation, that the underspend is directed as per Option D(a), and that an additional £78,909 be awarded to sexual abuse services to continue service delivery at the current level for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.