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I write in connection with your email request for information dated 22 June 2018 regarding the budget for VAWG services.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

What budget has your Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner set aside for the costs associated with commissioning Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services? This might include staff costs, legal costs, cost of market engagement events etc. Please supply the answer as total budget for the financial year 2018/19.

Response:

In 2017/18 we had an allocation from the Ministry of Justice of £824,369 to commission services for victims of crime.

Of this 34% was allocated to services specifically to support victims of sexual and domestic violence, the majority of whom are women.

A further 8.3% was allocated to victims of CSA.

Of the budget allocated only 1.1% (£9,042.00) was allocated against associated costs of commissioning.

The levels of funding for 18/19 will be the same, or very similar.

The OPCC office staff work on commissioning of victim services including legal and commissioning processes, we do this in partnership with our local authorities. We do not calculate the exact cost of the commissioning process as it forms part of the function of the OPCC. Office costs are from the overall OPCC budget taken from the Home office grant.

I hope that this helps with your research on commissioning costs.