



**Lancashire
Constabulary**
police and communities together

DECISION 2015/68

DATE: 18TH JANUARY 2016

TITLE: SUPPORT FOR YOUNG VICTIMS FUNDING 2015/16

**REPORT BY: ROBERT RUSTON – VICTIMS, PARTNERSHIPS &
COMMISSIONING MANAGER**

Executive Summary

1. The Commissioner has received funding of £1,636,212 from the Ministry of Justice for victims services;
2. Victim services have already been commissioned from Victim Support, Victim Voice and Trust House/Birchall Trust. Restorative Justice services, and other projects and initiatives have also been funded to a total value of £968,628.00.
3. Providing specialist support services for young people as victims was one of the priorities identified in the Victim Services Review.
4. This Decision seeks to confirm the allocation of up to £40,000 from the Victims Grant Funding for the commissioning and initial delivery of a specialist Support for Young Victims for the period January 2016 – 31 March 2016, and a commitment to provide continuation funding for the period April 2016 – March 2017 from future MoJ Victims Grant Funding. Details of the proposals are attached in Appendix B.
5. If this Decision is confirmed, there will be a balance of £410,000 remaining in the Victims Grant Fund for allocation against future victim support services.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Victims Grant Fund as outlined in Appendix B and to note the implications in respect of funding that could be available for future victim support services.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

1. Background and Advice

The Commissioner has indicated that he supports the work of the MASH and the provision of additional support for low or standard risk domestic abuse victims will assist in improving the efficiency of the MASH process.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

Supporting victims of domestic abuse is one of the key aims under the Protecting Vulnerable People priority

3. Consultation

Discussion have been undertaken with the Constabulary MASH lead officers and with Victims Support.

4. Implications**a. Legal**

There are no legal comments in relation to this paper.

b. Financial

The proposed allocation is contained within the grant funding from the Ministry of Justice

c. Equality considerations

There are no Equality comments in relation to this paper

5. Background Papers

None

6. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)	

I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

Signature.....Date.....