



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION 2020/22	Date: 27th October 2020
TITLE: CSP FUNDING – OPERATION PROVIDE	
REPORT BY: STEFF HULL ROBERT RUSTON	

Executive Summary

The Commissioner has allocated £240,000 to the 12 district Community Safety Partnerships for 2020-2021. To address the issues of serious violence each district Community Safety Partnership has up to £20,000 for projects / initiatives that support one or more of the Commissioner's priorities along with one or more of the four Lancashire Violence Reduction Network priority areas.

This decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £3,500 from four district Community Safety Partnerships totalling £14,000 towards Operation Provide as outlined in Appendix A.

Recommendation

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £14,000 from the Community Safety Partnership Fund as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 9th November 2020

Part 1

Decision 2020/22 Appendix A

1. Background and Advice

The Commissioner has made up to £20,000 available for each district Community Safety Partnership for projects / initiatives that support one or more of the Commissioner's priorities along with one or more of the for Lancashire Violence Reduction Network priority areas.

Burnley CSP, Rossendale CSP, Hyndburn CSP and Pendle CSP would like to utilise £3,500 of their allocation towards the roll out of Operation Provide across East Division.

Operation Provide aims to provide victims of Domestic Abuse the chance to access support at the earliest opportunity. An Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) will work directly alongside East Division safeguarding officers and attend domestic abuse incidents to provide immediate safety advice, emotional support and criminal justice advice to victims. Victims will be referred into the commissioned services for ongoing IDVA support.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council have committed £17,500 to the project for one full time IDVA. The district Community Safety Partnership contribution will support a second part time IDVA to cover delivery up to 31st March 2021 across East Division.

Operation Provide launched in West Division in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and early evidence has demonstrated improved engagement by victims and increased opportunities for taking perpetrators through the criminal justice system. Rolling the initiative out across East Division would enable this learning to be extended and contribute towards a consistent police response to domestic abuse across Lancashire.

Should the initiative in East Division provide similar benefits to that already shown in West Division it is the aim to mainstream the initiative through existing commissioned services to become part of the normal approach to dealing with Domestic Abuse.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan and Lancashire Violence Reduction Network priority areas

Operation Provide supports victims and vulnerable people as well as local policing teams.

Domestic Abuse and Violence is included within the Lancashire Serious Violence Strategy and Operation Provide supports two priority areas outlined by the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network:

1. Prevention or Enforcement Activity
2. Targeted interventions aimed at either individuals and/or groups

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

None to consider.

b. Financial

The £14,000 approved will be funded from existing funds allocated to the Community Safety Partnerships.

c. Equality considerations

Equality data is currently gathered for all CSP agreement forms.

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	 03/11/12
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – Not applicable	
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: 4 th November 2020