

DECISION RECORD

Number 017

This document records a decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, together with details of the advice he received prior to taking the decision.

Decision taken

The Police and Crime Commissioner has taken the decision to:

- To utilise underspend from the 16/17 commissioning budget for a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Engagement Worker from 1st July 2017 until 31st March 2018.

Details of advice taken

Professional financial and legal advice has been sought to ensure the decision making process is rigorous and provides value for money.



Martin Scoble
OPCC Chief Executive
9th May 2017

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

Supporting Report to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Date of Report	21 st April 2017
Subject	CSE Engagement Worker
Report Author	Vicki Martin, Head of Commissioning

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the recommendation to utilise underspend from the 16/17 commissioning budget for a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Engagement Worker from 1st July 2017 until 31st March 2018.

2. Decision(s) Recommended:

2.1 That the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire formally agrees the decision to grant £28,347 to Aquarius for the provision of a CSE Engagement Worker from 1st July 2017 until 31st March 2018.

3. Relevant background / Chronology of Key Events:

3.1 In 2016 the OPCC and Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) began to commissioned services to children and young people at risk of CSE who did not meet the current threshold for RISE team intervention.

3.2 However this work did not progress with NCC and therefore an underspend was accrued against the original commissioning intentions for Victim and Witness services in the county.

3.3 In order to try and reconcile a gap in service the OPCC have worked with RISE and Aquarius who have engagement worker in post until 30th June to extend the arrangements until 31st March 2018 to support those at risk children and young people who do not meet the RISE threshold until further developments from the OPCC Early Intervention Director can be considered in this area.

4. Consultation:

4.1 Key stakeholders who form membership of the CSE sub group have been consulted on the proposal.

5. Compliance Issues:

5.1 Is this a decision of 'significant public interest'?

5.1.1 The total amount of £28,347 as a one off grant is not seen as a decision of significant public interest.

5.2 Is the recommended decision consistent with the priorities set out in the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Plan 2014/17?

5.2.1 The decision has been driven by the Police and Crime plan strategic objectives for Victims and Witnesses as outlined above.

5.3 What are the financial and procurement implications of this decision?

5.3.1 Advice has been sought from Legal on the content and terms of the grant agreement.

5.4 Will further decisions be required?

5.4.1 No further decisions are anticipated at this time.

5.5 Legal Implications

5.5.1 Grant agreement covers all legal implications.

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 No risks identified.

5.7 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken?

5.7.1 The provision of service will be protected and increase to children and young people in the county as a result of this decision.

6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):

6.1 A do nothing with the underspend was considered and discounted as part of this process.

7. List of background reports used to compile this report:**8. List of appendices accompanying this report (if any):**

9. Approvals		Date
Has this report been approved by the author's line manager? Paul Bullen	Y	21/4/17
Has this report been approved by the Chief Executive? Martin Scoble		

