



## REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION**

**Timing: Urgent / Pressing / Routine**-decision required prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. (Specify date required and why, where possible)

**Title: Award of Ministry of Justice grant funding for victims of Child Sexual Abuse**

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning**

**Executive Summary:**

Since October 2014, Police and Crime Commissioners have been responsible for local commissioning of services for victims of crime. The Ministry of Justice provides grant funding to PCCs for this purpose. The allocation for 2016/17 includes a ring fenced amount of £42,339 which must be spent on provision of services to victims of child sexual abuse. This was announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 with an indication that new grant agreements and reporting schedules would be circulated in due course. To date, nothing further has been received despite expectations that service delivery will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

A number of issues remain unclear, including whether the funding should be directed at current victims of child sexual abuse or adult victims of historic child sexual abuse; these areas require two distinct skill sets for service provision. For the level of funding provided (£42,339) it would be a significant challenge for any provider to supply services for both child and adult victims across the Force area.

Given the issues and challenges outlined in the attached report, and in the absence of any detailed guidance from the Ministry of Justice, it is recommended that the funding is provided to New Pathways for the period of one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. This will enable service provision to be delivered to any victim whether child or adult, within a risk assessed and clinically supervised environment. During the period, New Pathways will be required to capture data in order to provide an evidence base of the need within the Force area.

**Recommendation:**

That the Police and Crime Commissioner approve the proposal to award £42,339 to New Pathways for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for provision of services to victims of child sexual abuse.

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the NOLAN Principles for Conduct in Public Life. The above has my approval.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

23/3/16



## SINGLE TENDER / QUOTATION REPORT

### **Tender Ref:**

**Description** For the commissioning of services for victims of child sexual abuse

### **Introduction**

This report relates to a request for exemption from tender procedures (for purchases of £25,000 or more)

It is noted that a valid contract (for purchases of £25,000 or more) will still be required.

Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (which form part of the Corporate Governance Framework) are an essential part of the procedures for ensuring that contracts are let in a way which:

- i) obtains best value for money
- ii) maintains the highest standards of propriety
- iii) complies with legal requirements
- iv) complies with the policies of the Police and Crime Commissioner

In the majority of cases, goods, services and works should be purchased only after competitive tenders / quotations have been sought following advice from the Procurement Department. In certain circumstances, this may not be possible. This report provides details of such a circumstance in order to seek approval of the Chief Finance Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner to agree an exemption from Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

### **1.1 The Requirement**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys acts as the voice of the public on policing and crime matters. The Commissioner is responsible for setting the strategic direction for policing within the force area.

A revised Code of Practice for Victims of Crime came into force in December 2013. Although voluntary sector organisations are not covered by the Code of Practice, Police and Crime Commissioners and other Criminal Justice Services must ensure that services meet the standards. Therefore, service providers are expected to work with Criminal Justice partners to ensure that victims' rights are upheld at each stage of the journey.

Since October 2014, Police and Crime Commissioners have been responsible for local commissioning of services for victims of crime. The Ministry of Justice provides grant funding to PCCs for this purpose, with the overarching aim of supporting victims to (a) cope with the immediate impacts of crime and (b) recover from the harm experienced.

The allocation for 2016/17 includes a ring fenced amount of £42,339 which must be spent on provision of services to victims of child sexual abuse. This was announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 with an indication that new grant agreements and reporting schedules would be circulated in due course. To date, nothing further has been received despite expectations that service delivery will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

During 2014/15 and 2015/16, £4.85m funding for Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) support services was awarded nationally to increase capacity of the sector in recognition of the unprecedented increase in need. This funding was provided for 15 months only with no intention at that time to replicate the bidding and allocation process for 2016 onwards.

However, following the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has confirmed that it has protected its budget for victims' services, and the Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) victims' services commissioning budget. In addition to this core funding, in 2016/17 the Government will reissue the £7m funding announced in December 2014 for CSA services in recognition that there continues to be increasing demand in this area. Of this £7m:

- £1.7m will be provided to specified MoJ funded female rape support centres, as an uplift to their core MoJ funding.
- £0.6m will be allocated for national provision, to be administered centrally.
- £4.7m will be provided to PCCs to administer, based on local need.

New Pathways were successful in their bid to receive a total of £63,000 from the funding streams made available in 2014/15 and 2015/16.

The other issue that remains unclear is whether the funding should be directed at current victims of child sexual abuse or adult victims of historic child sexual abuse; these areas require two distinct skill sets for service provision.

Given the issues and challenges outlined above, it is recommended that the funding is provided to New Pathways for the period of one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. This will enable service provision to be delivered to any victim whether child or adult, within a risk assessed and clinically supervised environment. During the period, New Pathways will be required to capture data in order to provide an evidence base of the need within the Force area.

During 2016/17 it is recommended that this element be included within the entirety of services for sexual abuse to be made subject to open competition based on identified need.



## 1..2 Justification for Exemption from Standing Orders Relating to Contracts

1..3 Please mark the appropriate box:

	There is no effective competition for the supply as prices are fixed under Statutory Authority (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 a)
	There is only one source of supply (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 b)
X	There is a justifiable case to use a specific supplier for reason of compatibility with existing equipment or to maintain continuity of supply. Where such a case is made, it is imperative that evidence of costs and associated factors are provided to support the assertion (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 c)
	Security considerations make the use of a particular contractor essential (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 d)
	A genuine unforeseeable operational need arises so that that the supply is urgently required and loss, damage or injury could result from delay due to the advertising procedure (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 e)
	The purchase or sale of goods is to take place by auction (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 f)
	The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to acquire particular goods or services by operation of law (Contract Standing Order 8.6.13 g)

### Value of contract and Value for Money

For the level of funding provided (£42,339) it would be a very significant challenge for any provider to supply services for both child and adult victims across the Force area.

### Budget Allocation

The funding is ring fenced within the allocation from the Ministry of Justice Victims' Funding; a grant provided directly from the Ministry of Justice to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### Proposed Supplier details

New Pathways are a recognized service provider for sexual abuse services and currently hold contracts for service provision across the whole of Wales. They currently provide crisis support services across Dyfed Powys.

### Recommendation

That a Contract be awarded to New Pathways to the value of £42,339 excluding VAT

**Budget Holder / Authorising Officer:** Jayne Woods, Chief Finance Officer (PCC):

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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**Agreement and Approval**

I agree / do not agree with the reason for exemption for the purchase of these goods, works or services.

**Senior Manager Procurement and Contracts:** Faye Ryan

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Comments:**

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I agree / do not agree with the reason for exemption for the purchase of these goods, works or service.

**Temporary Chief of Staff, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner:**  
Helen Morgan-Howard

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Comments:**

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**Purchases of £25,000 or more**

Purchases of £25,000 or more require reporting to the Policing Board

Submitted to Policing Board Meeting of *N/A*  
*Decision log dated*

