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POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER

REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION

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

Title: Sexual Abuse Referral Service provision by New Pathways

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning

Executive Summary:

Dyfed Powys Police have historically provided funding (approximately £63,000 per annum) to New Pathways to deliver services for victims of sexual abuse based at the Sexual Abuse Referral Centre in Carmarthen. From April 2015, the Police and Crime Commissioner awarded a sum of £32,000 to provide a crisis support service from bases in Newtown and Aberystwyth, following a programme of capital refurbishment of two properties to enable provision of forensic medical examination and crisis support for victims across Dyfed Powys.

This was consolidated into a contract to the sum of £95,000 for a service to enable the provision of 24/7 access to forensic medical examination and crisis support for all victims of sexual assault and to increase the positive outcomes within the criminal justice system by improving quality of evidence and better supporting victims and witnesses.

During 2015/16 the South Wales Regional Health Collaborative undertook a project with the aim of achieving consistency and equity of service provision across the region. This included the potential for joint service commissioning. Proposals from this group required significantly increased investment from Health Boards which has yet to be approved and has therefore stalled in progress. In order to ensure that services for victims within Dyfed Powys remain unaffected, it is proposed that the current contract with New Pathways be extended until 31st March 2017 at the current cost of £95,000 per annum.

Recommendation:

That the Police and Crime Commissioner approve the proposal for a one year extension of the current contract with New Pathways for provision of crisis support for victims of 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:

CPR Salmon

Date:

19/3/16