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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION – REF. DLI 056

Timing: Pressing – decision requested by IOM deadline 8.11.17

Title: Women's Pathfinder IOM Cymru Business Case 2018-22

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: e.g. Primary Legislation, Statutory Requirement, Finance, Performance, Complaints etc. (amend as appropriate)

Commissioning

Executive Summary:

As outlined in decision log DLI043, in early 2015 a significant sum of money was secured by the IOM Cymru team to pilot the women's pathfinder across Wales. The Home Office funding ceased on 31st March 2017 and agreement was secured via the IOM Cymru Board that each of the PCCs would inherit their own local arrangements from 1st April 2017 to enable the pilots to continue. For Dyfed Powys, this meant a continuation of the contract with Gwalia at a cost of £20,000 per annum for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

The Women's Pathfinder central team have been developing a business case during 2017/18 for the future progression of the Women's Pathfinder work. The latest iteration proposes Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner formally agree a contribution within an annual funding envelope of between £133,658 and £153,037, equating to a total commitment over the 4 year business case of between £543,633 and £612,150.

The PCC is currently reviewing all commissioned services with a view to ensuring that the key focus is on identifying and addressing vulnerability at first point of contact with both victims and offenders. Unfortunately, the business case provided does not support this approach; by providing a service to purely female offenders it would result in a missed opportunity for all other cohorts entering custody or voluntary attendees.

Having reviewed in detail the approach taken by Durham Constabulary, the PCC has committed to a pilot of the wider custody triage approach in Dyfed Powys from April 2018 (see decision PB T2 45). This scheme will allow for delivery of the main stages outlined in the Women's Pathfinder business case (assessment, referral, support/intervention and coordination) and will provide the early intervention and prevention services referred to but will ensure that delivery focusses on all eligible offender cohorts.

Based on the above, and the detailed briefing paper presented to the PCC, it is recommended that the PCC does not commit to funding the continuation of the Women's Pathfinder business case as proposed. However, subject to successful outcomes of the pilot within Dyfed Powys, future consideration will be given to expansion of the diversionary element to a whole system approach for all offenders across Dyfed Powys and at this point there may be opportunities to re-align with the IOM Cymru model. It is therefore proposed to continue the dialogue with the IOM Cymru team regarding the progress of both programmes of work.

Recommendation:

That the PCC does not commit to funding the continuation of the Women's Pathfinder business case as proposed. That the PCC engages in continued dialogue with the IOM Cymru team to review progress against the programmes of work and ensure any future opportunities for alignment are maximised.

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 request has my approval / ~~does not have my approval~~ / I note the information contained within the report (delete as appropriate)

Signature:



Date:

4.12.2017