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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION / INFORMATION / BRIEFING - REF. DLI 020

Timing: Urgent / Pressing / Routine
(Specify date required and why, where possible)

Title: Domestic Abuse Home Office Annual Data Return

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

Executive Summary:

As outlined in the minutes of Policing Board 25-10-2016, the PCC approved the decision (reference PB T2 11) to enter into a contract with Dyfed Powys Police for delivery of the victim of crime satisfaction survey function from 1st April 2017.

New Home Office Domestic Abuse Survey guidance (Annual Data Return 444) was released from April 2016 with the expectation that Forces will implement these additional surveys as soon as practicable. It is expected that this will involve a sample size of around 20-25 victims per month. The interviewing time will be more than the crime survey (anticipated to be approx. 45 minutes per survey) and there will need to be considerable sensitivities while speaking to the victim to allow for safeguarding concerns.

If this function were to be outsourced as a separate contract it would have additional implications with regards to cost, resource and information sharing and, more importantly, would incur significant risk. It is imperative that call handlers are able to direct immediate resource to the address in the event of any safeguarding concerns arising during the call.

It is therefore recommended that responsibility for the Domestic Abuse surveys be included within the contract with Dyfed Powys Police from 1st April 2017, with provision of a minimum £20,000 for delivery.

The Home Office guidance stipulates that Forces must provide training to those undertaking the surveys to a level which the Force is satisfied will provide the necessary safeguards. In addition to core Dyfed Powys Police training, a package has been scoped by Safe Lives, the independent charity providing expert advice to the Home Office, with a proposed cost of £3,000 to deliver. This one-off input will be funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is asked to approve the inclusion of the Domestic Abuse survey function within the overall victim satisfaction contract with Dyfed Powys Police from 1st April 2017. In addition, the Commissioner is asked to approve the funding of independent specialist training at a cost of £3,000.

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:

2. 12. 2016