

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **10/2023**

Title: Grant Addendum Blue Door Delegated Rape Support Funding (RASAF)

Executive Summary: The Blue Door have historically received a delegated budget of £136,036 per annum from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) via the Humberside OPCC, to fund their therapeutic services (RASAF).

The MoJ has announced an enhancement of £88 369, 41, in year funding to provide additional resilience in therapeutic delivery for adult and child victims of sexual assault. This funding is enhanced via grant addendum, pending a national review of the Rape Support fund (RASAF Review).

It is recommended that the funding be delegated to the existing provider (the Blue Door) as per MoJ grant requirements and that a grant variation be agreed with the Blue Door and agreed with MoJ Victims Portfolio lead.

Decision: That the Blue Door be awarded enhanced Rape Support Funding of £88 369, 41, giving a total of £224,405.41 per annum within the current financial year. To increase the level of therapeutic intervention across Humberside as per MoJ grant terms and a grant variation be agreed with the Blue Door and agreed with MoJ Victims Portfolio lead.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

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 my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 02/03/2023

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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Date: 02/03/2023

1. Executive Summary

The Blue Door CiC have historically received a delegated budget of £136, 036 per annum from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) via the Humberside OPCC, to fund their therapeutic services.

The MoJ has announced a provision of an enhancement of £88 369, 41 in year funding to provide additional resilience in therapeutic delivery for adult and child victims of sexual assault. This funding is enhanced via grant addendum, pending a review of the Rape Support fund (RASAF Review).

It is recommended that the funding be delegated to the existing provider (the Blue Door) as per MoJ grant requirements and that a grant variation be agreed with the Blue Door and agreed with MoJ Victims Portfolio lead.

2. Recommendation(s)

That the Blue Door be awarded enhanced Rape Support Funding of £88 369, 41 giving a total of £224,405.41 per annum within the current financial year, to increase the level of therapeutic intervention across Humberside as per MoJ grant terms and a grant variation be agreed with the Blue Door and agreed with MoJ Victims Portfolio lead.

3. Background

3.1 The purpose of this funding is to increase therapeutic support for victims and survivors of violence (SV), including children and families.

3.2 In 2019, Humberside OPCC was requested to assist the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) in delegating their budget, repurposing funding that was previously granted to Rape Crisis, providing grant management and ensuring local needs are met.

3.3 The landscape of sexual violence services and the organisation has grown considerably within this period to meet changing policy, local needs and increasing and fluctuating demand, such as; increased waiting lists and backlogs, increasing needs and vulnerabilities, increased calls for lower level support.

3.4 The purpose of this Additional Funding is to provide or commission sexual violence services to address the specific needs of victims who have experienced rape and sexual abuse at any point in their life, including recent and non-recent child sexual abuse.

3.5 The Blue door CiC have developed their counselling and therapeutic support service to reduce waiting lists down to 0 weeks, providing a recovery toolkit model. ACES recovery toolkits for children and families are currently in development.

3.6 This additional funding will be directed towards child Sexual Abuse Victims and provide to additional posts for recovery interventions and pathway development. One post on south bank and one on the north bank of Humberside.

3.7 The RASAF grants are only committed to August 2024, they currently subject to review by the Ministry of Justice.

4. Options

1) Option 1 - Do nothing - don't fund

This option is not recommended as it places Humberside at risk of not meeting demand and identified gap, resulting in loss of opportunity for enhancing service provision across Humberside, impacting on delivery of the police and crime plan. This would also contradict our existing grant terms with the MoJ.

2) Option 2 - Fund full amount based on needs assessment and Humberside profile.

This option is recommended because it allows the PCC to capitalise on the funding opportunity of bringing increased service provision and interventions to the Humber area for child victims of sexual abuse, thus meeting identified need and gaps in service provision.

5. Financial Implications

The total grant is for £224,405.41, The Blue Door have already received £136,036 in 2022. The additional uplift of £88 369, 41, is to be committed in year current financial period. To note this is a late announcement and in year funding. The provider has confirmed they can mobilise quickly. There is no requirement for additional OPCC funding.

6. Legal Implications

None

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

This investment will contribute directly to aims one and two of the Police and Crime Plan through:

- Engaged, Resilient and Inclusive Communities
- Safer Communities –to focus activities on interventions that significantly impact on local crime levels

8. Equalities Implications

Sexual violence and population data has been used by the MoJ to review local allocations, to identify the highest prevalence of children affected by Sexual Violence within Humberside, which additionally we have significant social and economic deprivation and children therefore most at risk and in need of enhanced protective intervention measures.

9. Consultation

MoJ and Blue Door have been consulted on scope and ability to spend and commit in current financial period.

10. Media information

Open for announcement - Briefing for communication and engagement manager.

11. Background documents

Nil

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

Yes

PLEASE COMPLETE AND APPEND THE FOLLOWING TABLE TO ALL REPORTS THAT REQUIRE A DECISION FROM THE COMMISSIONER

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report. If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, OPCC officer(s) etc. prior to submitting this report for official comments	N/A
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget?	No
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	yes

The report is approved by the relevant Chief Officer	yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	yes
I have liaised with Corporate Communications on any communications issues	Not as yet but is planned
I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	yes
I have included any equalities, diversity and or human rights implications within the report	yes
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	No
I have included information about how this report contributes to the delivery of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan	yes