

To: All KCSP Members

IDVA Commissioning Update

Kent Community Safety Partnership Meeting Tuesday 19th March 2013

At the time of writing this report we are on schedule to commence with the new service from April.

Bidders:

Having been provided with details of the Service Specification there were 6 organisations / partnerships who have passed the Pre-Qualifying Questionnaire Stage and were invited to submit a full tender.

A panel consisting of staff from Kent Probation as the commissioning agent, and the Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group and the Kent Criminal Justice Board will confirm to all bidders who the successful candidate is on 15th March and after a 2 week period to allow for any challenges will announce the winner on 29th March. These timescale will extend if it is deemed necessary to hold interviews to confirm points of clarification or if two or more bids are extremely close.

Year 1 Funding Position:

We have received pledges for year 1 of £772,600 (against a target of £810,000). This is an increase on the amount we last communicated to you as Dartford Borough Council are working towards joining the funding partnership and are hopeful of being in a position to ratify this later this month.

The only areas currently abstaining are Ashford, Dover and Sevenoaks Councils. This means that high risk victims in these areas referred to the IDVA service will be accepted once all other funding partner area referrals have been dealt with.

An updated funding chart is attached.

Invoices will be sent out shortly. Funds will be collected on behalf of the KCJB by Kent Police who administer KCJB accounts. As received, funds will be passed onto the service provider. Should you have any queries regarding funding please contact Chris Turner (KCJB Project Manager) on 07772 113232 or at chris.turner@kent.pnn.police.uk

Years 2 & 3 Funding:

Many funders have understandably pledged money for subsequent years based on performance. The service specification has clear performance monitoring arrangements and any performance concerns or issues should be raised with the Contract Manager. We would recommend that a formal Agenda item is scheduled for the November Meeting to review progress and performance information.

We anticipate that health funding will move from Public Health who have funded year 1 to individual Clinical Commissioning Groups. Public Health partners are currently undertaking these discussions.

We would also expect that by year 2 the provider will have established good working relationships with other IDVA providers across Kent and Medway helping to maximise the provision of community based services to medium and low risk victims.

Contract Management Arrangements:

Alison Gilmour from K&MDASG will act as the Contract Manager. Once we know who the successful bidder is Alison will work closely with them to ensure a full service is up and running as soon as possible. The provider will be required to submit a quarterly report which will be forwarded to all funding partners.

Media Announcement:

The commitment from Kent and Medway partners to tackle and support the victims of domestic abuse is an excellent news story which the public should be aware of. We wish to be proactive with this development and are looking to make a press announcement sometime in April. Any views on the scale of this would be welcome for example, is a press statement sufficient or do we want to hold a press event? Do we just speak with the papers or television as well? Any thoughts most welcome. Anything we do will of course be followed up with success stories once we have some compelling evidence.

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Chris Turner 10th March 2013.