

Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief of Staff

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.008.16

TITLE: Interim Restorative Justice Service

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2013 Kent Criminal Justice Board developed a co-commissioned restorative justice (RJ) service. This service consisted of delivering RJ at various stages of the criminal justice system including pre-court and post-conviction for both adults and young people.

The service was procured by Kent County Council and the contract commenced on 1 October 2013 to run for a fixed period of 36 months.

The contract ceased on 30 September 2016 and the Commissioner has the aspiration to refresh and re-launch RJ approaches within the county.

However, to allow for a fully consulted and evaluated model to be developed, there is a requirement for RJ to continue from the point of the contract ending to the new service being formally commissioned.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is recommended to support the implementation of an interim RJ service, funding SALUS for 'youth referrals' and Kent Mediation Service for 'adult referrals'.

DECISION

To provide SALUS and Kent Mediation Service with appropriate funding to deliver an interim RJ service.

Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: N/A

Signature: **Date:**

Chief of Staff:

Comments: The service provider, SALUS were responsible for supporting the Youth Clinic process under the 36 month contract. As a result, they have the relevant systems, processes and policies in place to provide continuity of service. This will also ensure consistency of management.

The proposal by Kent Mediation Service is based on their knowledge and expertise in delivering RJ in Kent since 1994. The OPCC has had in-depth discussions to ensure this is a suitable interim solution.

In my view, this provides the most cost effective and efficient means of maintaining good RJ provision whilst a full and thorough assessment of future needs is conducted.

Signature:  **Date:** 26 September 2016

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments:

Signature:  **Date:** 27/9/16

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Report by Head of Governance & Partnerships, OPCC.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Police and Crime Plan
(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)

Supports delivery of the Commissioner's Six Point Plan by ensuring support is in place to help break the cycle of re-offending.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?

Yes No *(If yes, please include within background documents)*

Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand?
(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)

Yes No
The providers will deliver an interim RJ service to all adults and young people who wish to participate. Therefore it will not have a differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.