

Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief Of Staff

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.012.16

TITLE: Variation to the Victim Support contract

OPEN **CONFIDENTIAL**

Reason if Confidential:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The victim's services contract was awarded to Victim Support (VS) in December 2015 for 3 years, with the service commencing delivery on 1 April 2016. This service includes the requirement to make initial contact with standard and medium risk domestic abuse (DA) victims who report to Kent Police or self-refer into the service. The contact includes safety planning, welfare discussion, signposting and information provision. In addition, VS provide community support to standard risk DA victims.

The DA commissioning landscape in Kent is currently undergoing a significant change with a newly commissioned offer incorporating the previous disparate strands of refuge, outreach and IDVA support into a more holistic, community based model. To ensure more effective initial point of contact for DA victims, reduce duplication in the system and join two significant victim services commissioning approaches, the VS contract can be varied to include contact for high risk DA victims. This would effectively result in VS becoming the initial point of contact for all DA victims that report to Kent Police. VS will then work collaboratively with the Kent County Council (KCC) commissioned DA service, who will be providing the community led support.

By varying the VS contract we can build on the initial contact work already being delivered for medium and standard risk DA victims to include high risk victims. This will support consistent service delivery and alignment of services separately commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner and KCC.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is recommended to vary the Victim Support contract to include high risk DA victims and working with the KCC commissioned DA service.

DECISION

To vary the Victim Support contract to include initial contact with high risk DA victims and to work collaboratively with the KCC commissioned DA service.

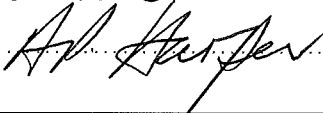
Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: Its variation to the contract provides a much more streamlined and efficient process and ensures that Victims are receiving the best support available. The costs & the variation are kept within the current budget

Signature:  **Date:** 13.12.2016

Chief of Staff:

Comments: I see this variation to the VS contract has my full support. By having VS provide the central contact for all levels of risk actually provides an enhanced service, ensuring the best support to victims in this important area.

Signature:  **Date:** 13.12.2016

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments: This will help us provide a high level of service to some of our most vulnerable people, no matter where they live.

Signature:  **Date:** 13.12.2016

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

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

Supports delivery of the Commissioner's Six Point Plan by providing a service that supports all victims of crime, treating them as individuals and putting their needs first and foremost.

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
Victim Support delivers free and confidential support, advice, information, signposting and referral to any Kent resident who has been a victim of crime. Therefore, it does not have a differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.