

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE



## UPDATE REPORT ON MoJ VICTIMS COMPETED FUND

### **BACKGROUND**

The Police and Crime Commissioner submitted a bid of £579,000 to the Ministry of Justice Competed Fund in May 2014 and received confirmation in July that he had been successful in securing £545,000 to support:

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| £208,000 | Domestic Abuse counselling and support services;                   |
| £302,000 | Enhancing provision of Womens' Centres and Supported Safe Housing; |
| £ 35,000 | Support for victims and families of Child Sexual Exploitation      |

### **DOMESTIC ABUSE COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

The £208,000 allocation for Domestic Abuse counselling and support services has been allocated to the services currently receiving funding from the Commissioner as part of the commissioned services in the Lancashire 12 area.

### **SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

This element was included in the Application in response to a request from the Constabulary for support for Family Support Workers linked to the CSE Teams but employed by Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE).

The funding secured will enable PACE to engage two workers over the next two years through a mix of the Competed Fund funding and their own resources.

### **ENHANCING PROVISION OF WOMENS' CENTRES AND SUPPORTED SAFE HOUSING**

Funding has been secured for the enhancement of the provision of services in Womens' Centres and Supported Safe Houses in particular through the refurbishment and development of premises, including the development of new facilities in areas where these are currently under provided.

Applications to the Fund should deliver one or more of the following Outcomes:

1. Improvements and enhancement of the settings in which Domestic Abuse support services are delivered;
2. Provision of specific equipment and items to assist in the delivery of Domestic Abuse support services, such as laptops, mobile phones, information and advice materials and personal safety alarms;
3. Improvements and/or development of facilities for children and young people to enrich their experiences, including the development of peer support groups;
4. Development of facilities and services that are accessible to male victims of Domestic Abuse.

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Additional criteria for the Fund was set as follows:

- (i) The Funding Application must clearly demonstrate links to existing commissioned Domestic Abuse services.
- (ii) The Grant **must** be used within the current financial year and may not be used for any projects or initiatives that commence after 31 March 2015.
- (iii) The Grant **must** be used to provide additional services or improvements to facilities and not to fund existing services or activities.

As the fund is likely to be a "one off" fund with no commitment from the MoJ to the Commissioner to provide any further funding request for staff costs were not considered to be suitable to be supported by the fund.

Details of the fund were circulated to a wide range of Domestic Abuse service providers and to the relevant community safety officers in the three top tier authorities responsible for commissioning domestic abuse services. However, the Fund was open to all service providers, regardless of whether or not they have been commissioned to provide services by one or more of the top tier authorities.

## **Funding Applications:**

A total of 19 Applications have been received from 13 organisations representing a geographical spread across the whole of the pan-Lancashire area

Applications were assessed against the desired Outcomes and Fund Criteria as detailed above. Where an application was in relation to a Refuge facility confirmation was sought in relation to any possible impact on the sustainability of the facility due to the impending re-commission of refuge services within the LCC area.

A summary of the applications that support the desired Outcomes and match the Fund Criteria is attached at Appendix B.

## **Overall value of Applications received:**

The overall value of applications received that support the desired Outcomes and match the Fund Criteria - £356,545.37