



ORIGINATOR: Richard Bradley
Deputy Chief Executive , OPCC

DECISION NUMBER: D25-2017

SUBMITTED TO: Martin Surl, Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

SUBJECT: Extension of Contract period – Victim Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2014 the Ministry of Justice delegated the responsibility for commissioning victim services to Police and Crime Commissioners. A commissioning process subsequently commenced and later resulted in Victim Support (VS) being awarded the contract to deliver this service within Gloucestershire for all victims of crime excluding victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse which have separate providers. This service commenced on 1 April 2015 and was awarded on the basis of a contract period of 3 years with the option to extend by a further 2 years, subject to performance.

The initial 3 year period of the contract concludes on 31 March 2018 with a further two year extension concluding on 31 March 2020. The annual contract value is £420,000 and this is funded through the annual MoJ grant to PCCs, there are no additional costs.

In view of the high standard of performance from Victim Support it is my proposal that the contract be extended by a further two years. The additional 2 year period of extension is unlikely to result in any cost uplift and none has been proposed by VS.

It is necessary to raise this issue at this point in time because if the decision is made not to support the extension a commissioning process will have to commence immediately to commission a new provider and this will take at least 9 months to complete.

RECOMMENDATION:

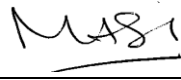
That the PCC's Governance Board approves the extension of this contract by the permissible period of 2 years.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:

The above recommendation has my approval.

Date: 27 June 2017

Signature:

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<p>Is this a decision of significant public interest?</p> <p><i>This includes a decision with any impact on the community, expenditure in excess of £50,000, or any decision that would be of obvious interest to the media or the general public</i></p>	<p>Ongoing commitment of £420,000 p.a. until 31.3.2021</p> <p>Funded by MoJ Victims Grant</p>
<p>Is there a Part Two form?</p> <p><i>This section should only include information that, if published:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) would, in the view of the chief officer of the police, be against the interests of national security;</i> <i>b) might, in the view of the chief officer of police, jeopardise the safety of any person;</i> <i>c) might, in the view of the chief officer of police, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime, the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, or the administration of justice; or</i> <i>d) is prohibited by any enactment.</i> <i>e) breaches commercial sensitivity</i> 	

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	Comments including who has approved the report if applicable
Has legal advice been sought on this submission if required?	Contract can be extended within terms of original award
Has the Chief Finance Officer been consulted, if required?	Financed through MOJ grant but underwritten by Constabulary should MoJ fail to award annual grant.
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered, as appropriate?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan?	YES - Support to all Victims are a key factor within the plan
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media, community, staff or partner interest and how they might be managed?	Yes, a communication will be issued pending the outcome of the decision
Have all relevant implications and risks been considered?	yes

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PART ONE – For publication

1. Purpose of the report

To approve the extension of the Victim Support contract

2. Background

As part of the contract management process we (the OPCC Commissioning Team) hold quarterly performance meetings with the VS regional and local manager, a member of SWPPD and the OPCC which is represented by either the Commissioning Manager or myself. I am pleased to report that the performance of Victim Support is of a high standard and far in excess of their previous performance when directly commissioned by the MoJ during the previous 40 years. The Commissioning Manager also maintains regular contact with the VS team in Gloucester through locally arranged meetings.

Place based commissioning has proved to be more effective when compared to national commissioning and has been achieved through the principles of local accountability and performance management and, of equal importance, providing victims of crime with an enhanced and effective service.

3. Recommendation(s)

That the PCC's Governance Board approves the extension of this contract by the permissible period of 2 years.

4. Financial and resource implications

Financed through MOJ grant but underwritten by Constabulary (£400k p.a. should MoJ fail to award annual grant).

5. Risk assessment

The likelihood of the MoJ failing to make their annual grant is a low risk as we have received verbal assurance that the grant will be maintained at the same level until 2020. To date this has been honoured however should it fail to materialise we have underwritten an annual sum of £400k to cover this eventuality and contract period.

6. Equality & Diversity impact assessment

N/A

7. Environmental impact assessment

Not required

8. Consultation

The current provider would be pleased to accept the extension of award

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9. Discussed with Communications & Engagement

Yes, a communication will be issued pending the outcome of the decision

10. Conclusion

Victim Support is providing excellent support to all victims of crime within Gloucestershire excluding victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse who are supported through other contracts.

This contract also includes support to victims of personal ASB who total c.9000 p.a., these victims can suffer greater trauma than a victim of crime and it was deemed a critical inclusion within the specification prior to commissioning.

ORIGINATOR APPROVAL

Name: Richard Bradley

Job title: Deputy Chief Executive, OPCC

Signature: Richard Bradley

Date: 13 June 2017

CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 19 June 2017