

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: 11 March 2013	OPCC Ref: 30/13
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**Title: CRIME AND DISORDER GRANTS – NEXT STEPS AND HIGH PEAK
WOMEN’S AID**

Executive Summary:

To award Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants to 2 Voluntary Sector Organisations delivering domestic violence support services in Derbyshire; Next Steps and High Peak Women’s Aid.

Next Steps provides medium risk Domestic Violence Support Services and the Commissioner was recommended to make up the gap funding to maintain the medium risk domestic violence support service in South Derbyshire by offering a grant of £34,792.

High Peak Women’s Aid (HPWA) is a registered charity that supports women experiencing domestic abuse in North West Derbyshire. The charity requested funding to pay for a part time Outreach Workers Post, initially for the next 12 months at a cost of £10,561 and also £1,000 to pay for 100 hours of Relief Work.

Decision

Resolved that

- i. The offer of a one-off grant of £34,792 to Next Steps as gap funding for 2013/14, with terms and conditions aligned to the County Council grant funding be approved, subject to a Service Level Agreement.
- ii. The offer of a one-off grant of £11,561 to High Peak Women’s Aid for a part time outreach worker and 100 hours of relief work for 2013/14 be approved.

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature *Electronically Signed*

Date 18 March 2013

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published **Yes**

If no, please indicate relevant exemption

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred **No**

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Electronically Signed

Name Helen Boffy, Treasurer

Date 14 March 2013

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To award Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants to two Voluntary Sector organisations delivering domestic violence support services in Derbyshire, Next Steps and High Peak Women’s Aid.

2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Section 9 of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and projects they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.
- 2.2 The Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan identifies Domestic Abuse as one of the 7 most significant threats in Derbyshire and tackling Domestic abuse is one of Commissioner Charles’ top priorities: it formed part of his manifesto.
- 2.3 Objective 3 in the Police and Crime Plan is:
Work to keep people, particularly the most vulnerable in our communities, safe from harm, antisocial behaviour and criminal activities,
and this will be done by:
Coordinating stakeholders engaged with the prevention and reduction of domestic violence and any proven intervention programmes
- 2.4 Two voluntary sector organisations have made applications to the Commissioner for grant aid to maintain services supporting victims of domestic abuse, which are at risk through lack of funding.

2.5 Next Steps

- 2.5.1 Next Steps provides medium risk Domestic Violence support services and has reached the end of its current lottery funding. The County Council Medium Risk Outreach tender is not yet available so Next Steps are seeking gap funding of £129K until such time as a tender can be submitted.
- 2.5.2 Derbyshire County Council has offered an Adult Care grant, up to a maximum of £65,802 as an interim measure to allow continuation and equity of services to victims of domestic abuse across the County. The amount is dependant upon match funding being made available from other sources including the Police and Crime Commissioner. Other funding is either secured or reasonably certain and the current funding shortfall which the Commissioner is looking to support, is £34,792.
- 2.5.3 The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to make up the gap funding to maintain the medium risk domestic violence support service in South Derbyshire by offering a grant of £34,792 with terms and conditions aligned to those of the major funder, the County Council. This is likely to be structured as a service level agreement and Commissioner's grant funding would be predicated on delivery.

2.6 High Peak Women's Aid

- 2.6.1 HPWA High Peak Women's Aid is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. They have supported women experiencing domestic abuse in North West Derbyshire for over 30 years. Working closely with other agencies, they support women and children across the High Peak who are either living in the community, or at their refuge, with the aim of enabling them to stay safe, take control of their own lives, make positive choices in future relationships and gain in confidence and self esteem.
- 2.6.2 The outreach service supports women and children living in the community. It is currently being supplemented by use of the charity's reserves to maintain the desired level of service. The charity is requesting funding from the Commissioner to pay for a part time Outreach Workers Post initially for the

next 12 months. Ideally, this would be 18.5 hours on salary scale PT 19 - £17,802 pro-rata at a cost of £10,561 (currently being met by reserves) and also £1,000 to pay for 100 hours of Relief Work, again currently being met by reserves.

2.6.3 Terms and Conditions around the use of this grant will be proportionate to the level of funding and specific to the purpose for which it is made.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- i. To approve the offer of a one-off grant of £34,792 to Next Steps as gap funding for 2013/14, with terms and conditions aligned to the County Council grant funding
- ii. To approve the offer of a one-off grant of £11,561 to High Peak Women's Aid for a part time outreach worker and 100 hours of relief work for 2013/14.

4. **IMPLICATIONS**

All implications are assessed and scored to the table below.

HIGH – supporting explanation and narrative required and to be contained within the report

MEDIUM – narrative to be contained within the report at the discretion of the author

LOW – no narrative required

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Crime & Disorder			√
Environmental	√		
Equality & Diversity		√	
Financial		√	
Health & Safety	√		
Human Rights		√	
Legal		√	
Personnel	√		

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Supporting documentation - Next Steps
2. Supporting documentation – High Peak Women’s Aid

ATTACHMENTS NONE