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SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref.DLI247

Timing: Pressing

Title: Pilot increased capacity in missing young persons service

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning

Executive Summary:

During the pandemic, the Director of Commissioning has been working closely with commissioned service providers to monitor the impact on demand for services across Dyfed Powys.

The missing young persons service has experienced an increase in both the volume and complexity of cases being referred. There are currently in excess of 100 referrals each quarter. Young people are presenting with more complex behaviours, risks and needs and this has been a consistent trend and concern over the last 12 months. During debrief and mediation sessions, increasing numbers of young people are presenting at risk of suicide and self-harm, with poor mental health and wellbeing, heightened risk of/exposure to exploitation and increased gender/sexual identity needs.

This increases the demands on the team in terms of time spent with young people but also the requirements of safeguarding, onwards referral and professional liaison.

The team are currently a small team of 2.5 FTE across Dyfed Powys, which is challenging in terms of resilience. It is recommended that the capacity be increased to 3 FTE for a 12-month period commencing January 2022 to address the current demand and to test whether this is a longer term increased trend. This will be at a cost of £13,000 to be funded via underspend in the existing commissioning budget.

The pilot will be evaluated during quarterly contract review meetings with a decision taken prior to the 12-month period regarding future requirements.

Recommendation:

That the PCC approves a 12 month funded pilot at a cost of £13,000 to increase capacity within the missing young person's service, including testing whether the increased demand is part of a longer term trend following the pandemic.



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Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm 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 Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life. The above request has my approval.

Signature:

Date: 17/12/2021