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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION

Timing: Urgent / Pressing / Routine
(Specify date required and why, where possible)

Title: Victim Referral Service provision by Victim Support

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning

Executive Summary:

In June 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner published a speculative notice for the provision of a victim referral service. Only one response was received; this being from Victim Support. In October 2014, Thames Valley consortium awarded a national framework for provision of victim referral services to Victim Support, with the option for other PCCs to call off the framework. However, the cost quoted for Dyfed Powys was significantly more expensive than local commissioning.

In February 2015, an exemption from Standing Orders Relating to Contracts was approved on the basis that there was only one source of supply. Victim Support was awarded the contract for a period of 12 months in the first instance in order to evidence levels of demand and any unmet need and to allow commissioners to shape the service accordingly. The aim of the service is to help victims cope with the impact of a crime and recover from the harm they have experienced.

As demonstrated in the Policing Accountability Report in January 2016, the current service has proved very successful; it reaches significantly more victims than the previous national arrangements and is considerably more cost effective. The service has also streamlined local working arrangements with witness care and referral mechanisms to locally commissioned specialist services. Based on the current efficiency, outcomes achieved and the original exemption to standing orders, it is proposed that contract be extended for one year to 31st March 2017 at a maximum cost of £215,000.

Recommendation:

That the Police and Crime Commissioner approve the proposal for a one year extension of the current Contract with Victim Support for provision of Victim Referral Services.

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 has my approval.

Signature:

C. J. Salmon

Date:

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