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SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref. DLI 085

Timing: Critical

Title: Proposal for Goleudy to manage medium risk victims of domestic abuse

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning

Executive Summary:

In April 2017 the Goleudy service was introduced by the Police and Crime Commissioner with a view to replacing the previous service provider, offering the Victims Support and Referral Service. In April 2018, the remit of Goleudy was increased to incorporate the management of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), again bringing this service in-house.

The aim of bringing both of these functions in-house was to enable a more seamless approach to the management of ASB as well as the support offered to victims of crime, by offering a service which offered a greater integration with Dyfed Powys Police officers by being co-located within Police Stations across the Dyfed Powys force area.

Following a continuous improvement event in 2017, looking into how Domestic Abuse was dealt with within Dyfed Powys Police, it was identified that there was a gap in service in respect of those victims who were assessed as medium risk, who were not routinely being provided with an enhanced service. This resulted in a temporary measure being implemented which would increase the Goleudy establishment by two additional Victim & Witness Support Officer. On a six month temporary basis.

This temporary arrangement has now come to an end and as such a decision is required on the future of this element of the service. In light of this a business case was submitted by the Asst. Director of Criminal Justice, detailing a number of possible options for this provision.



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Recommendation:

Recommendation would be for the agreement of additional funding as detailed within option three of the above business case. This would include the permanent increase of establishment by one additional full time equivalent (FTE) Victim & Witness Support Officer, with an additional increase of 11.1 hours per week of another. In addition, funding to be granted for the increase of 7.4 hours per week of a Victim Care Officer, which will increase this to a full time post.

The above will ensure that the management of this service is sustainable and stable and will offer a wraparound service to victims of Domestic Abuse. In addition, it will also react to an increase in referrals for support for victims of crime across Dyfed Powys Police.

The total additional funding for the above option would be £38,578.63 per annum, with additional years increasing to a maximum of £41,808.33 based on the pay scale annual increases for these posts.

It should also be noted, that in light of the above additional funding, there would be an even greater requirement for robust performance management framework to be provided by the Goleudy team on a regular basis, in order that the benefits of the service can truly be recognised.

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:

10/9/2018