

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 407

Title: New Grant for 2018-19 for the provision of a Children and Young People Victim Support Service

Executive Summary: MOPAC wishes to grant funding to Victim Support (Registered charity number 298028) to continue providing a Children & Young People Service for young victims of crime in London for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. The budget has been agreed as part of the Integrated Victim and Witness Resource Plan 2017-20, PCD 174 and Review of Integrated Victim and Witness Resource Plan, PCD 377 and is from the Ministry of Justice victims' funding received annually by MOPAC. The grant agreement and amount (£715,906) has been agreed in principle with Victim Support.

Recommendation:

Approve the expenditure of £715,906 grant funding from the Ministry of Justice victims funding budget to Victim Support for the provision of a Children & Young People Service from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

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 Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Spivey

Date

12/07/18

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. London now accounts for nearly a fifth of all crime in England and Wales. The number of people who live in, work in and visit the Capital is growing and becoming more diverse, resulting in an increased demand on services to keep them safe from crime and supporting the complexity and multiplicity of needs for those, particularly the most vulnerable, who are harmed by their experience of crime.
- 1.2. MOPAC assumed devolved responsibility from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for commissioning the majority of victims' services in London from 1st October 2014 and annual funding of over £10 million is granted to MOPAC by the MoJ for this purpose ("**MoJ Victims Fund**").
- 1.3. The Police and Crime Plan (PCP) 2017-21 puts victims at the heart of everything we do and makes significant commitments to ensuring better services and experience of the Criminal Justice Service for victims of crime.
- 1.4. The Integrated Victim and Witness Services Resource Plan, PCD 174 outlined a 3-year plan to deliver MOPAC's ambitions to build on existing services, increase support for priority victims and transform the current provision into an integrated, accessible, responsive, quality service offer to victims and those affected by crime and help deliver the commitments of the PCP.
- 1.5. Victim Support (Registered charity number 298028) provides a Children & Young People Service for which MOPAC has provided grant funding in previous years.
- 1.6. The Children & Young People Service is designed to:
 - provide support for children and young people who have been victims of crime whether or not they choose to report, in order to help them cope and recover from their experience;
 - raise young victims' awareness of their rights and entitlements under the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime; and
 - provide an enhanced level of support to young victims of violent offences.
- 1.7. The integration of MOPAC victims' services and associated commissioning plans to create a new Victims' Service for London is in development with an anticipated start date for 2019-20. For 2018-19 it is, therefore, necessary to sustain via grant funding, with incremental improvements, the current provision of a Children & Young People Service delivered by Victim Support.
- 1.8. This decision form is, therefore, requesting approval for the award of a grant of £715,906 to Victim Support for the provision of the Children & Young People Service in 2018-19.

2. The Children & Young People Service

- 2.1. Last year, 12,118 young people were referred to the Children & Young People Service provided by Victim Support and, of these, just over 16 per cent took up the offer of further support.
- 2.2. Victim Support has delivered continuous improvement in terms of service take-up and the identifying of needs. This is incentivised through an ambitious outcomes based payment model in the grant agreement, focusing on key outcomes for young victims of crime.

- 2.3. The proposed 12-month grant for 2018-19 will embed further improvement in key areas including advocacy, cope and recover, and resilience.
- 2.4. Victim Support in London will retain an enhanced focus on meeting the needs of young victims of crime across London, to provide a specialist and consistent assistance to Children and Young People (CYP) across London.
- 2.5. Training will ensure that all staff work within the minimum competency standards required for supporting CYP. The model has three key areas:
 - Aim to reduce Risk factors,
 - Increase Protective factors
 - Increase resilience levels.
- 2.6. The Children and Young People Service will deliver the following outputs:
 - Holistic needs assessment to identify the impact that crime has on all areas of a child's life, by the provision of an individual care plan for each CYP;
 - Work effectively in a multi-agency setting;
 - Maintain a strong equality focus tailoring support for each individual and identify vulnerabilities.
- 2.7. The desired outcomes of the Children and Young People Service are:
 - Advocacy – young victims have a better understanding of the support agencies they can access;
 - Cope and recover – young victims are better able to cope and recover from the crime they have experienced; and
 - Resilience – young victims are less likely to be revictimised.
- 2.8. This strategic planning for 2018-19 is in line with the commitment in PCD 174 to sustain and continually improve current provision whilst working to integrate services to improve the victim experience.

3. Issues for consideration

- 3.1. During the first half of 2018-19, in collaboration with service providers and users, MOPAC will co-design the provision of an integrated, accessible, responsive, quality service offer to children and young people who are victims and their families.
- 3.2. This strategic planning for 2018-19 is in line with the commitment in PCD 174 to sustain and continually improve current provision whilst working to integrate services to improve the victim experience.
- 3.3. This grant agreement for the Children and Young People Service will ensure that support services for young victims of crime are maintained at a high quality level in London whilst the design and development of the new service takes place.

4. Financial Comments

- 4.1. The budget has been agreed as part of the Integrated Victim and Witness Services Resource Plan 2017-20, PCD 174 and Review of Integrated Victim and Witness Services Resource Plan 2018-20, PCD 377.
- 4.2. The overall budget for the Children & Young People's Service is detailed in PCD 174 and amended in PCD 377. The budget for the 2018/19 grant is £715,906.

4.3. The Children & Young People's Service is subject to a separate grant from the Multi-Crime Service for the first time to aid preparation for future recommissioning as well as to ensure some separation of the outcomes and achievements of both services. That separate grant is for £715,906 making the total budget £5,895,000, as in previous years, and approval is being sought under a separate decision form (PCD 407).

4.4. Both these services are funded from the MoJ Victims Fund.

5. General Data Protection Requirements

5.1 MOPAC will take all reasonable steps to assure that services in receipt of funding from MOPAC are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

5.2 MOPAC has taken proactive steps to assure itself that providers of victim services are compliant with GDPR and other data protection legislation. Providers have completed and provided the Information Commissioner's Officer's (ICO) checklist and MOPAC will be convening a workshop, attended by a representative of the ICO, to support their compliance with data protection legislation.

6. Legal Comments

6.1. MOPAC's general powers are set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). Section 3 (6) of the 2011 Act provides that MOPAC must "secure the maintenance of the metropolitan police service and secure that the metropolitan police service is efficient and effective." Under Schedule 3, paragraph 7 (1) MOPAC has incidental powers to "do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office." Paragraph 7 (2) (a) provides that this includes entering into contracts and other agreements.

6.2. Section 143 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social, Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides for MOPAC to provide or commission services "intended by the local policing body to help victims or witnesses of or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour." Section 143 (3) specifically allows MOPAC to make grants in connection with such arrangements and any grant may be made subject to any conditions that MOPAC thinks appropriate. As the proposals in this decision form are about supporting victims, they fall within the parameters of the legislation.

6.3. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated power to approve the strategy for the award of individual grants and/or the award of all individual grants whether to secure or contribute to securing crime reduction in London or for other purposes.

6.4. Officers must ensure that they are content that MOPAC can comply with any conditions to which the Ministry of Justice funding is subject and in any event no reliance should be placed upon such funding until there is a legally binding commitment from Ministry of Justice to provide the same.

6.5. Officers must ensure the Financial Regulations and Contract Regulations are complied with.

6.6. Paragraph 1.7 above indicates that the contribution of £715,906 to Victim Support amounts to the provision of grant funding and not payment for services.

6.7. Officers must ensure that an appropriate funding agreement is put in place between and executed by MOPAC and Victim Support before any commitment to fund is made.

7. Equality Comments

- 7.1. Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010 provides that, in the exercise of their functions, public authorities must have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 7.2. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation
- 7.3. The obligation in section 149(1) is placed upon the Mayor, as decision maker. Due regard must be had at the time a particular decision is being considered. The duty is non-delegable and must be exercised with an open mind.
- 7.4. Some communities are over-represented amongst victimisation data and/or who fall within the scope of the EU Victims' Directive 2012/29/EU, i.e. victims of more serious crimes, vulnerable victims, particularly those whose circumstances make it difficult for them to access support, and repeat or persistently targeted victims, who must receive a prioritised service. In addition, the analysis indicates that those living in more deprived neighbourhoods are more likely to be targeted.
- 7.5. The evidence indicates differential experiences of victim satisfaction and confidence amongst different sections of London's community – BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic), women, young people, boys/men, and people with physical and mental health disabilities. The evidence also indicates that some areas of London are more vulnerable than others to crime and victimisation. However, analysis shows that the number of high harm victims that are either BAME or White is proportionate to the current London ethnic projections.
- 7.6. The proposals detailed in this decision will ensure enhanced provision through Victim Support for young, vulnerable and repeat and persistently targeted victims, in line with the EU Directive on Victims of Crime.
- 7.7. The Crime Survey for England and Wales shows that only 40 per cent of victims report their crime to the police. The services being funded covered by this decision will be accessible to all victims, whether or not they have reported their crime to the police. MOPAC ensures that pathways into support are tailored so that the police route to support is one of many available to victims.

8. Background/supporting papers

N/A

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Tick to confirm statement (✓)
Head of Unit: The Director of CJC has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal Advice: The TfL legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL**Chief Executive Officer**

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 Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature

R. Lawrence

Date

12/07/18