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## SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref. DLI364

**Timing:** Singular

**Title:** CARA Programme Funding

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact:** Commissioning

### Executive Summary:

In accordance with a report approved by Dyfed Powys Chief Officer Group (COG) on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Force will be implementing the CARA (Cautioning and Relationship Abuse) programme. CARA sits within the criminal justice system as an early awareness raising behaviour changes intervention targeting alleged first-time, low/standard risk domestic abuse offenders who have received a conditional caution.

CARA will be delivered by Threshold DAS as part of the regional Domestic Abuse Perpetrator programmes across Dyfed Powys, which the OPCC has commissioned as a contract holder on behalf of the VAWDASV regional partnership. The VAWDASV Partnership are responsible for the performance and contract management of the service. Threshold will also undertake the victim contact element of CARA, in line with the decision noted by COG. All referrals to CARA via conditional caution will go through the offender diversion scheme and initial triage will be by POBL who will provide wraparound support and refer onwards to specialist providers as identified by criminogenic needs assessment, including referral to Threshold DAS for CARA provision.

The CARA project has been devised by the Hampton Trust which is authorised as a Home Office approved pathway. During the commissioning process legal advice was sought which determined that Threshold DAS will sub-contract with the Hampton Trust for the provision and licensing of the CARA programme.

The go live date for CARA is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and in line with research across other areas of England and Wales, the OPCC has agreed to fund the mobilisation fee along with delivery costs for year one. Funding for onward delivery of CARA will then need to be via the VAWDASV partnership in line with the funding apportionment model used for all perpetrator interventions.

The funding for CARA is as follows:-

- Estimated at time of contract, dependant on cohort numbers through the life of the contract.
- Mobilisation upfront costs totalling: **£33,760** based on core training plus alternative cohorts: male/ female intimate; male/ female non-intimate; telephone intervention and victim contact training. \*Note this cost is for up to 12 facilitators. If less facilitators are trained, Hampton Trust will invoice Threshold and Threshold will invoice DPP OPCC for the actual costs of training delivered.
- On-going delivery – estimated **£60,000** (Up to 200 offenders in cohorts of 10 @ £2,500 per cohort + £500 for victim liaison). This is inclusive of the £9,000 license fee for Hampton Trust.

**Recommendation:**

That the PCC approve the upfront mobilization costs of up to £33,760 and delivery costs of up to £60,000 for implementation of the CARA programme. Providers to invoice on actual costs only. Future years to be shared across VAWDASV partners in line with regional apportionment model.

**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 recommendation has my approval.

**Signature:**



**Date: 20/03/2025**