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SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref.DLI334

Timing: Urgent

Title: Pilot with Paladin National Stalking Advocacy Service

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Finance / Commissioning

Executive Summary:

Victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence can access specialist support through the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services commissioned by the PCC. Where victims experience stalking within a context of domestic abuse or sexual violence, specialist support can be provided by the IDVAs and ISVAs.

However, no such specialist support is currently available for victims of stalking where there is no domestic abuse or sexual violence element. Previous DPP policy was to refer high-risk stalking victims to Paladin for support, but due to demand, capacity and funding constraints, Paladin are currently unable to accept referrals from DPP for high-risk victims. The need for an Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworker (ISAC) to support high-risk stalking victims across the Dyfed-Powys area was therefore identified. This has been further supported by provision of evidence from DPP showing numbers of high-risk victims who are therefore unsupported at present.

A proposal paper has been received from Paladin, who are currently recognised as national best practice market leaders for provision of ISAC support. The preferred option provides both the offer of advocacy to high-risk victims of stalking through the criminal justice system, and the offer of short-term support/one off advice to low and medium risk victims. This ensures a level of support for all stalking victims. The offer also includes training for professionals that will ensure that existing services such as IDVA and ISVA are appropriately skilled to support stalking victims. It is proposed that the service runs as a pilot for 12 months from 1st September 2024. This will provide evidence to determine a longer-term proposal for service provision.

Recommendation:

To approve the commissioning of a bespoke pilot service with Paladin, incorporating a full time Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworker (ISAC) and training for 60 professionals. To commence from 1st September 2024 for a 12-month period.

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: 05/06/2024