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## SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref.DLI330

**Timing:** Singular

**Title:** Jac Lewis Foundation Funding

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

**Executive Summary:**

The Jac Lewis Foundation charity was set up in 2019 to help people obtain quick access to mental health support and provide a counselling service for families bereaved by suicide. The Foundation has developed into an experienced service provider and is a key Stakeholder in the Welsh Government roll out of rapid response meetings across Wales.

Dyfed Powys Police and Local Authorities are delivery partners in providing referrals to the Foundation for those that have been bereaved through suicide; experiencing difficulties with drug/alcohol issues; at risk of offending; victims of alcohol/drug abuse; and/or domestic violence. The foundation offer support within 48 hours of referral to reduce the risk of harm and support individuals and groups through a traumatic event.

Funding has been provided to the Foundation by the Welsh Government during 2023/24 to deliver the rapid response referral service. Due to unexpected and unprecedented levels of referrals from Sudden Death events within Dyfed Powys, the funding received has been depleted prior to the end of the financial year.

Jac Lewis Foundation has requested a one-off funding contribution of £20,000 until the end of this financial year (2023/24) to continue this referral service and provide much needed support to Dyfed Powys communities. It is anticipated that the Foundation will be in receipt of Welsh Government funding again from April 2024.

The service supports priority 1 and 2 of the Police and Crime Plan.

**Recommendation:**

To contribute £20,000 to support Jac Lewis Foundation with the continuation of the referral service until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**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:** 20/02/2024