



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR:

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
Coordinator

DECISION NO. 2014/31**REASON FOR SUBMISSION:** For Decision**SUBMITTED TO:** Police and Crime Commissioner**SUBJECT:**

Freedom Charity; Providing support and strength to young people facing forced marriage so called honour based violence and domestic abuse.

SUMMARY:

This Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant for supporting victims and witnesses will be used to raise the profile of Forced Marriage, so called Honour Based Violence and Domestic Abuse. Although there is some awareness of the problem within the county of Norfolk much still needs to be done. This grant will enable Freedom Charity to work to educate the general population, and in particular, provide a detailed insight for those voluntary and statutory agencies that have contact with those seeking support.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police and Crime Commissioner supports the delivery of this awareness raising programme

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation as outlined above are approved.

Signature*A.W. Bett***Date***1/9/14*

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 The level of reported domestic abuse within Norfolk, consistent with other parts of the country is recognised as representing less than one third of the real problem within this particular business area. The majority of data identifying the scale of the problem is collected by Norfolk Police, who recorded in excess of 13,000 domestic abuse incidents during 2013.
- 1.2 The nature of domestic abuse is such that for many well documented reasons, on average a woman will experience more than 30 incidents of abuse before reporting it. For matters relating to honour based abuse, forced marriage and female genital mutilation the picture is even less clear and there is real concern both locally and nationally that these issues are going largely unreported.
- 1.3 There are numerous reasons why victims do not come forward to support agencies or the police when they are being subjected to these atrocities. In many instances a combination of fear and shame will prevent a victim coming forward. Equally more needs to be done to ensure those who are vulnerable are aware that support exists and how they can access it.
- 1.4 The UK Government has recently taken action to raise the profile of these all too hidden crimes. The first prosecution for FGM has recently taking place and statutory and voluntary bodies are being asked to ensure that they are well placed to respond in a protective and positive manner.
- 1.5 Freedom Charity work with young people, aiming to empower them to have the confidence to help themselves and their friends to take the right steps around these dangerous and damaging issues. Now based in Norfolk the Charity is working hard to reach as many vulnerable young people as possible to prevent them becoming victims of these crimes.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 The project will be funded by one single payment of £5000 made in advance. Monitoring will be undertaken via quarterly return submitted to Norfolk constabulary for the attention of the OPCCN.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

None.

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| ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED) | PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO' |
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| Has legal advice been sought on this submission? | No |
| Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted? | Yes |
| Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate? | Yes |
| Have human resource implications been considered? | Yes |
| Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan? | Yes |
| Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation? | Yes |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed? | Yes |
| In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission? | Yes |

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to PCC and DPCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date

27.8.14

