

Agenda Item No. 3(d)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

23 August 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

FUNDING FOR SEXUAL ABUSE AND INCEST LINE (SAIL)

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval for a grant to Sexual Abuse and Incest Line (SAIL) of £12,937.50 for the on-going provision of counselling services for victims of sexual assault and/or incest in the north of the County, up to 31 March 2017. This is pending a review of the sexual violence pathway in Derbyshire for 2017 onwards by statutory agencies/commissioners.

(2) **Information and Analysis** SAIL is a voluntary organisation that has been jointly funded by Derbyshire County Council – Public Health and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group (previously Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) for several years. It offers specialist counselling and support to people, living in the north of the County, who have been affected by sexual abuse and/or incest.

SAIL is a small organisation which uses a volunteer counselling model to offer face to face counselling to clients presenting with a range of diagnoses, including health anxiety, schizophrenia, emotionally unstable personality disorder, bipolar and borderline personality disorder, all of which have been brought about by experiences of sexual abuse and/or incest.

SAIL receives referrals from a variety of sources, including GPs, Community Mental health services, Probation services, etc and, in 2015-16, it took 990 calls through the appointment line and offered 93 assessments for counselling.

In April 2016, the County Council's Public Health department and Hardwick CCG agreed to extend funding for SAIL for a period of six months whilst a review and needs assessment were undertaken across all sexual violence services.

Statutory partners are currently discussing the sexual violence pathway for Derbyshire, but this is unlikely to be completed before 2017. CCGs are considering the commissioning of a therapeutic service to meet the ongoing

demand for services from 1 April 2017, which SAIL and other services may be in a position to tender for.

In the meantime, SAIL continues to submit bids to try and secure additional funding, but these are not likely to be finalised until the New Year.

Following discussions with the Hardwick CCG, it is prepared to extend its contribution to SAIL for a further six months up to the 31 March 2017.

The County Council's Public Health department has recently undergone a prioritisation of the services that it funds to ensure that only services that are core to the work of public health are funded in the future. Therefore, it does not feel that in this instance it is appropriate to extend the funding to SAIL for a further six months.

In order to ensure that the existing level of support remains available until the review of sexual violence pathways is complete, it is proposed that the Derbyshire County Council contribution is met from the Communities budget.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The funding of £12,937.50 can be met from the Communities budget.

(4) **Legal Considerations** The grant is governed by NHS standard contract between NHS North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire County Council.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, and property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-in** Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held of file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Lisa Morris, extension 38482.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the sum of £12,937.50 be awarded from the Communities Budget to Sexual Abuse and Incest Line (SAIL) for the on-going provision of counselling services for victims of sexual assault and incest up to 31 March 2017.

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