

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

26 May 2015

Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

DERBYSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek approval for a re-allocation of £101,981 for the provision of additional medium risk domestic abuse services across the County for a temporary period up to March 2016.

2. Information and analysis:

Derbyshire County Council currently grant funds four third sector providers to provide medium risk domestic abuse outreach services across the county as follows:

Next Step – South Derbyshire
Crossroads – High Peak
Hadhari Nari – Derbyshire Dales
Derbyshire Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Service -
Chesterfield/
Bolsover/North East Derbyshire

Services in Amber Valley and Erewash are currently funded via the Big Lottery.

These are funded through from the Public Health ring-fenced budget and Community Safety funding. Three of the four medium risk services (excluding Hadhari Nari) are working beyond current capacity. In total the services received 1145 referrals in 2014/15, which equates to a total of 516 referrals over the contracted targets

The County Council also funds domestic abuse refuge provision across the County through the Public Health ring-fenced budget as follows:

Trident Consortia – Chesterfield/ Bolsover/ North East
Derbyshire/Erewash & South Derbyshire
Nottingham Community Housing Association Consortia – High
Peak/Amber Valley & Erewash.

In December 2014 the County Council made a successful bid to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), as part of a

wider bid, for refuge funding totalling £186,964 to offset, at that time, an anticipated 22% cut to the County Council's funding for refuge provision. Ultimately only a 10% cut was applied to the Public Health funding for refuge provision leaving a surplus of £101,981 in the DCLG funding. However, the terms of the bid are that this funding must be spent on refuge provision for 2015-16.

It is therefore proposed to re-allocate £101,981 of the Public Health ring-fenced budget already allocated to refuge provision for 2015-16 to provide additional one off funding for 2015-16 to three of the four medium risk outreach providers enabling them to cope with increased number of referrals to their service. The funding would be split as follows and is based on current capacity and referrals numbers:

Next Step – £25,495

Crossroads – £12,850

Derbyshire Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Service - £63,636

The funding has been divided proportionately between the three services based upon current referral numbers.

Having secured Public Health funding from the ring-fenced budget for 2015-16 these services have already met the required assessment standard for approval of funding as part of the bidding process in late 2014.

Funding for 2016 onwards will be determined through the integrated re-commissioning of all domestic abuse services by the County Council, which is already underway.

3. Other considerations:

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

4. Background papers:

None

5. Key Decision:

No

6. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

7. Officer's recommendation:

That the sum of £101,981 be re-allocated from the Public Health ring-fenced budget currently allocated for refuge provision to provide additional one off funding for medium risk domestic abuse outreach services.

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