

RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: The Drive Project (Worcestershire)

Ref: PCC/D/2018/25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Drive Project is a new response to domestic abuse that aims to reduce the number of child and adult victims of domestic abuse by deterring perpetrator behaviour. Drive provides a case manager who acts as a single point of contact for priority (high-risk or serial) perpetrators on a one-to-one basis. The model has been developed between a partnership of SafeLives, Respect and Social Finance.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has submitted a joint application, led by the London Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC), to the Police Transformation Fund to pilot Drive in one area of West Mercia and there is a requirement to provide some match funding.

The programme is in response to a gap in service provision for programmes which target high harm domestic abuse perpetrators who are not necessarily in the criminal justice system.

The Drive Project pilot focuses on priority (high-risk or serial) perpetrators, as this group carries the greatest risk of serious harm and engage poorly in available services.

PROPOSAL

To implement the Drive programme in Worcestershire for a period of 21 months. This will require commissioning of a service provider to deliver the service which consists of a minimum of 1 x FTE Service Manager and 4 x FTE Case Managers. Worcestershire County Council will be conducting the procurement activity in partnership with the PCC.

Funding will be committed from the PCC, Worcestershire County Council Public Health team and funds from the Police Transformation fund (administered by MOPAC). The PCC's total financial commitment for the years 2018/19 and 2019/20 is proposed to be £190,331.


Grant agreement to be set up by MOPAC between the PCC, MOPAC and other PTF sites. MOU to be set up between WCC and the PCC regarding the financial and monitoring requirements of the funding.

Service to be procured and in place by July 2018 initially.

**APPROVAL OF
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

1. Background

The Drive Project launched in April 2016 and is being piloted in three areas across England and Wales (Essex, South Wales and West Sussex) from 2016-2019. The Drive team are already starting to see positive indications that the pilot is increasing victim safety, reducing abuse and moving perpetrators along cycles of change.

They have therefore decided to roll Drive out into further areas in order to 1) grow their evidence base to support the intervention and test its results in areas with different demographics and 2) test and learn from their replication processes so that they can plan for a potential larger scale roll out of Drive.

2. Proposal

It is suggested that the PCC agrees for West Mercia to become one of the further areas for Drive roll out, and that the PCC commits to providing some match funding to deliver the Drive project in an area of West Mercia. Worcestershire County Council's Public Health team have also agreed to contribute £150,000 match funding.

A joint bid between the Drive Partnership and 5 PCC areas is to be made to the Police Transformation in March 2017 for additional funding required to deliver Drive. Confirmation of funding award is expected mid-late 2017.

3. Recommendation

It is proposed that the PCC allocates £190,331 for the project to be piloted in West Mercia in a suitable test site which has been suggested as Worcestershire.

Worcestershire has been suggested as the location for the following reasons;

- It has the highest number of cases referred into MARAC than other areas of West Mercia which is linked to the larger population than the other areas in West Mercia but increases the chances of meeting the targets for amount of perpetrators that the Drive project will identify and work with
- Worcestershire Public Health are offering up some match funding to support the pilot
- Worcestershire has a strong working MARAC which is one of the key areas required for the project to be a success

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The total cost to deliver the Drive project in Worcestershire for 21 months is £575,290. A budget summary for the project is as follows;

PTF Funding				
Updated based on revised Home Office grant offer				
	18/19	19/20	Total Local contribution	Project Total
West Mercia	£92,126	£142,834	£340,331	£575,290

A breakdown of the £340,331 local contribution is made up as follows;

WCC Public Health Contribution	£150,000
West Mercia PCC Contribution	£190,331

These contributions will cover the 18/19 and 19/20 financial years.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

By virtue of section 143 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Policing and Crime Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner may provide or arrange for the provision of services to secure crime and disorder reduction, services to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour, and other services specified by the Secretary of State.

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Assistant Chief Executive Officer

Signature  Date 24/10/18