



## **Subject: Grant funding to support for victims of road traffic accidents**

**Originator:** Dr Gavin Thompson - Director Policy, Commissioning and Communications

**Decision no.** 14/2023

**Reason for submission:** For decision

**Submitted to:** Police and Crime Commissioner

### **Summary:**

The joint Norfolk and Suffolk Roads Policing Team have for several years relied on volunteers with specialist skills to provide support to those affected by road traffic accidents, including drivers, family members and personnel from emergency services.

Across the Eastern Region, PCCs have funded the Road Victims Trust (RVT) to provide a dedicated specialist service, including one to one counselling to support people to cope and recover from traumatic events and their consequences.

The Suffolk Safety Camera Partnership has now funded the RVT to provide this service in the county and to enable the joint policing team to benefit and refer victims from Norfolk, the PCC is providing grant funding to the RVT for twelve months.

This initial period of funding, which will be match by fundraising by the RVT, will provide an opportunity to develop and test the service to inform a longer-term commissioning strategy in partnership with the PCCs across the Eastern Region.

In the short term, victims of road traffic accidents will get the dedicated support they need and gain access to the trauma informed services that are required to help them to start to cope and recover.

If the service continues after this funding period an open competitive award process will be undertaken.

## Recommendation:

The PCC for Norfolk awards the RVT a grant to provide services to support victims of road traffic accidents in Norfolk **Outcome/approval by:** PCC/~~chief executive/~~chief finance officer  
(Delete as appropriate)

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

Signature: 

Date: 27/06/2023

## Detail of the submission

### 1. Objective:

- 1.1 To approve funding to the RVT to provide trauma informed support to victims of road traffic accidents for a period of twelve months.XXXXXXXXXX

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 The joint Norfolk and Suffolk Roads Policing Team have for several years relied on volunteers with specialist skills to provide support to those affected by road traffic accidents, including drivers, family members and personnel from emergency services.
- 2.2 Across the Eastern Region, PCCs have funded the Road Victims Trust (RVT) to provide a dedicated specialist service, including one to one counselling to support people to cope and recover from traumatic events and their consequences.
- 2.3 The Suffolk Safety Camera Partnership has now funded the RVT to provide this service in the county. This will mean that the joint policing team will be able to provide a specialist referral pathway in Suffolk but not in Norfolk, leaving victims and workers supported less. Therefore, to address this, a partnership approach to provide a service across Norfolk and Suffolk is required.

### 3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 To enable a seamless service to be provided across, the RVT can be funded to extend and integrate provision into Norfolk for a twelve-month period.
- 3.2 At the end of the twelve months, service take up and impact will be reviewed and a long-term commissioning strategy developed with PCCs across the Eastern Region.
- 3.3 The key deliverables, against which the service will continue to be monitored are:
  - Provision of support and counselling to anyone regarded as a victim who is affected by the grief and trauma of a fatal Road Traffic Collision (RTC) and is regarded as a victim by the Road Victims Trust (RVT).
  - Employment of a fulltime Co-ordinator/Case Manager who is dedicated to Norfolk and who will recruit and train 15-20 counsellors within the grant period.
  - Ensuring support provided to the victim throughout their experience is integrated and co-ordinated with existing victim's services, the criminal justice system and any involvement in judicial proceedings, inquests, coroners' court, and any other judicial proceedings.

#### 4. Other options considered:

4.1 Not providing grant funding – this option has been rejected due to the unavailability of a specialist service in Norfolk and practicalities and advantages of extending the service funded in Suffolk.

#### 5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 This project supports the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and the strategic aims of support victims and sustaining Norfolk Constabulary.

#### 6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 A total of £60,000 will be provided over a 12-month period, commencing on the 1 April 2023.

6.2 A review of the service will take place after six months, in line with the approach being taken by funders in Suffolk.

6.3 Subject to the service being funded for a further six months in Suffolk, the OPCC will continue to fund for a further six months.

6.4 The RVC is committed to fundraising to enhance the delivery of the service further.

Table 1 Financial year breakdown 2022-23 and 2023-24

Financial year breakdown	2022/2023-2023/2024
Grant amount	£60,000

#### 7. Other implications and risks:

7.1 None

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	<b>No</b>
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	<b>Yes</b>
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	<b>Yes</b>
Have human resource implications been considered?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	<b>Yes</b>
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	<b>Yes</b>
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	<b>Yes</b>
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	<b>Yes</b>

**Is this report a Confidential Decision?**

**No**

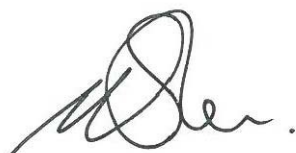
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

**Approval to submit to the decision-maker** (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

### Chief Executive

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

Signature:



Date: 27/06/2023

### Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,  
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,  
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves  
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 27/06/2023

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