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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0026/15
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Title of report PCC Victims' Capacity Building Fund – VS DVPO medium-risk caseworker - continuation	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £36,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Victims Capacity Building Fund to Victim Support (VS).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of funding to continue and expand the DVPO casework role initially undertaken as a victims' pathfinder project.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This role will offer support and advice to those victims of domestic abuse with a Domestic Violence Protection Order/Notice in place that are identified as medium or standard-risk.
- 3.2. This has been identified as a gap in existing provision. High-risk victims are automatically referred to an IDVA but those victims that are medium or standard-risk receive limited support. A DVPO/N represents an excellent and timely opportunity to engage with a victim to ensure they are made aware of the support and options available to them.
- 3.3. The extension and expansion of this post to include pathways to other commissioned services will further ensure victims of domestic abuse are kept safe and given appropriate support to cope and recover.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The Evaluation of the Pilot of Domestic Violence Protection Orders, published in November 2013, concluded that DVPOs were effective in reducing domestic violence and abuse; and that DVPOs were associated with reduced rates of re-victimisation. The report also commented that only a low number had accessed support previously (page 18). It concluded (page 25) that "DVPOs were seen as a starting point for a greater number of victim/survivors to access support services to facilitate and sustain change".
- 4.2. This Pathfinder project has demonstrated its effectiveness having been piloted across Essex. Continued evaluation of the role will be undertaken to ensure it achieves the expected benefits and can be commissioned on a permanent basis.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
 - Reducing Domestic Abuse
 - Supporting victims of crime

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 Police colleagues in the Central Referral Unit will continue to engage with this case-worker. Both the CRU-lead and the project manager are aware of, and support, this proposal.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The PCC would fund a total of £36,000 contribution to Victim Support.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications


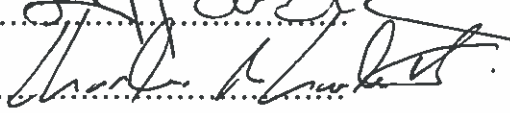
- 9.1 None

10. Equality and Diversity implications


- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O 
Chief Financial Officer 
PCC Legal Advisor (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report

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