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The Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex

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Dear Police and Crime Commissioner

RE: OFFER OF ADDITIONAL CORE GRANT FUNDING FOR 1 APRIL 2023 – 31 MARCH 2024

CORE GRANT FUNDING

Firstly, I want to extend my thanks for continuing to effectively commission vital victim support services. We are very grateful for your patience as we have finalised the 'Core uplift' funding budget for 2023/24, and I apologise for the delay in announcing the allocations.

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has more than quadrupled all its funding for victim and witness support services by 24/25, up from £41m in 2009/10, enabling commissioners to build resilience into services, safeguard consistent delivery and ensure support is available to victims when they need it. I am pleased that we have committed £154m of this budget per annum on a multi-year basis until the end of 24/25 (and overall £460m over the three years). PCC grant funding for core funding for services to support victims of all crime, specialist services for sexual violence and domestic abuse support, and the recruitment of independent sexual abuse and domestic violence advisors, has all been provided on a multiyear basis.

The Government is committed to ensuring that the right services are available for victims, that meet the needs of those who access them. In recognition of this commitment, the MoJ has agreed to a £2.3m uplift to the baseline 'core' PCC funding for 2023/24. This will mean that PCC collective 'core' funding for 2023/24 will be £71.5m. The total amount of victims funding allocated to PCCs is higher overall this year than last year's amount.

This letter constitutes a formal offer of additional grant funding by the Secretary of State for Justice to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex for the amount of £73,633.19 'Core' funding to commission local victim support services for the financial period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. This brings your total 'Core' funding for 23/24 to £2,223,446.27.

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The grant offer is subject to your acceptance of, and continuing compliance with, the Grant Agreement. Please confirm you wish to accept the funding offered by emailing your confirmation to victimservicescommissioning@justice.gov.uk no later than 23 June 2023.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch, and once again, thank you for all you are doing in this important area.

Yours sincerely,

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