

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report of	POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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Subject	VICTIM FIRST UPDATE
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Purpose of Report

1. This report provides an update to Panel on the progress of the future of Victim First Service delivery since the last report to panel on 29th March 2017.

Recommendations

2. The Panel are recommended to note the contents of the report.

Background

3. The PCC in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) has delivered the majority of support services for victims and witnesses at a local level since October 2015.
4. Following a formal procurement process, Catch 22 were the successful bidder to deliver the bespoke "Victim First" Model for LLR.
5. The current contract with Catch 22 expires on 30th September 2017 with the potential for a minor extension of up to 6 months (if required to allow for the proper planning and implementation of replacement provision). The OPCC is currently considering what provision will be made beyond cessation of this contract and has provided the PCC with three options.

Executive Summary

6. The victim's grant from the Ministry of Justice for 2017/2018 has been set at £1,237,845. To continue meeting the needs of the victim in LLR the following options are available to the PCC:
 - i. Continue with the provision of "Victim First" delivered by an outsourced provider identified through the OPCC commissioning process;
 - ii. Continue with the provision of "Victim First" delivered by an outsourced provider identified through the OPCC commissioning process alongside appointment of an in-house Victim Service Co-ordinator.
 - iii. Continue with the provision of "Victim First" delivered wholly in-house.

7. The PCC has considered and rejected option (ii).
8. The collaborative and participative manner in which the OPCC is developing the details of the model of delivery for future provision is continuing. Consultation is underway with Force representatives, Equality scrutiny groups, Victim's groups and key stakeholders via the existing VWPAG.

The Future of Victim First Provision

9. There will be further discussion between the PCC and the Chief Constable surrounding the service delivery options (i) and (ii) before a final decision is reached.
10. It is anticipated that the final decision regarding service delivery and progress on the collaborative and participative development of service model will be available for report to the next Panel.

Implications

Financial:	None.
Legal:	None.
Equality Impact Assessment:	None.
Risks and Impact:	None identified.
Link to Police and Crime Plan:	This work is central to the Supporting Victims and Witness strategic theme and has linkages with the other themes.

List of Appendices

None.

Background Papers

None.

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