

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

11 September 2019

Report of the Director of Public Health

**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To request retrospective authorisation for public health funding to the value of £2.000m to be transferred to the Community Safety department for the purpose of re-procuring domestic abuse services for Derbyshire.

2. Information and analysis:

Domestic abuse is a significant public health issue, impacting on the physical and mental health of victims and witnesses of abuse. Derbyshire County Council commissions a range of domestic abuse services that respond to victims, witnesses and perpetrators of abuse. Currently commissioned services include Independent Domestic Violence Advisor/high risk services, medium risk outreach services, children's domestic abuse support services, accommodation and housing related support services, a perpetrator programme and a domestic abuse helpline. Some of these services are being re-commissioned under a three plus one year contract length with a service commencement date of April 2020.

Derbyshire Public Health department has historically made a substantial financial contribution to domestic abuse services, along with other key departments within Derbyshire County Council. In order to ensure that Community Safety had some certainty regarding their budget at an early stage, £2.000m was transferred from the ring-fenced Derbyshire Public Health reserve in order that the re-procurement process could commence. However, in order to ensure compliance with Council Procedures, Cabinet is now requested to retrospectively approve this decision.

3 Social Value considerations:

Domestic abuse is a complex crime that can affect anyone, leaving physical and emotional scars on victims for a lifetime and impacts on their families and society into the future. Supporting victims and their families to access

specialist support services at the appropriate time enables them to make their own choices and live independently, reducing the impact on communities and the need for them to access wider services, for example social care and health services.

4. Financial considerations:

The £2.000m contribution from the Public Health ring-fenced reserve will be passed via an internal transfer to Safer Derbyshire (Community Safety) in a lump sum to be held in a Community Safety Reserve for the purpose of delivering domestic abuse services across Derbyshire.

5. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Background papers:

Cabinet Papers:

18 April 2019 Re-commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services

28 July 2015 Re-commissioning of Domestic Abuse Support Services

24 March 2015 Re-commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services

02 December 2014 Integrated Commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services

6. Key Decision:

Yes

7. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

8. Officer's Recommendation:

That Cabinet retrospectively authorises public health funding to the value of £2.000m to be transferred to the Community Safety department for the purpose of delivering domestic abuse services across Derbyshire.

**Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health**