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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**20 February 2023**

**Report of the Interim Director - Organisational Development and Policy**

**Additional Funding to support commissioning arrangements for the Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA) service**

**1. Divisions Affected**

1.1 County wide.

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 No.

**3. Purpose**

3.1 To seek Cabinet Member approval for additional funding to support the re-commissioning of the Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA) service.

**4. Information and Analysis**

4.1 The CHISVA service is currently commissioned through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) until March 2023, with the Council as a co-commissioner. This service offers vital support to children and families when a child or young person has been the victim of sexual violence. This includes, development of an individual care plan, providing emotional and practical support through the criminal justice system, liaising with other professionals on the young person's behalf and supporting children and young people to access health and other services they may need.

- 4.2 The CHISVA service is being re-commissioned by the OPCC. The new contract will be awarded on a three-year basis with the option to extend for a further two years to be reviewed annually. On 28 February 2022 the Cabinet Member Health and Communities approved an annual contribution of £12,000 to support this contract. The full contract value was £60,000 and the remaining funds came from the OPCC.
- 4.3 Following advertisement of the tender, no bids were received and feedback from the marketplace indicated that there was insufficient budget to deliver the service safely. The current provider has also made representation that they will be unable to continue to provide the service beyond the current contracted period due to the increased costs of service delivery.
- 4.4 In order to ensure continuation of the service, the OPCC has agreed to increase the annual contract value to £100,000 per annum. To support this, a request has been made for the Council to consider increasing the annual contribution by £20,000 per annum, to a total of £32,000 per annum. In order to allow the tender to be re-advertised to ensure a new service can be mobilised by April 2023, this has currently been underwritten by the OPCC, pending approval of the additional support from the Council.
- 4.5 Approval is sought for an additional contribution of £20,000 per annum for three years from 2023-24 to support the commissioning of the CHISVA service.

## **5. Alternative Options Considered**

- 5.1 The Council could take the decision to no longer support the provision of specialist services to support victims of sexual violence. This could lead to a reduction in provision for victims and their families within Derbyshire.

## **6. Implications**

- 6.1 See Appendix 1

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 Report to the Cabinet Member Health and Communities: 28 February 2022 - Support for commissioning arrangements in relation to the Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) and Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA)

## **8. Appendices**

8.1 N/A

## **9. Recommendations**

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approves the additional contribution to the Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA) for the duration of the contract, as outlined in the report.

## **10. Reasons for Recommendations**

10.1 To ensure the provision of services to support child victims of sexual violence within Derbyshire is maintained.

## **11. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?**

11.1 No

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Implications**

#### **Financial**

- 1.1 The additional contributions to support the contract can be met from the Community Safety Revenue Budget 2022/23 and it is proposed that £0.060m be put into a ringfenced reserve to support the initial three-year contract period.

#### **Legal**

- 2.1 The procurement of these contracts will be led by the OPCC with Derbyshire County Council identified as a named partner in these processes. A suitable agreement will be put in place to reflect the Council's commitment to this project.

#### **Human Resources**

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### **Information Technology**

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Sexual violence can have a devastating effect often manifesting in psychological, emotional and physical effects on a survivor. Accessing support at the right time can help a survivor come to terms with the impact of the trauma they have faced and to develop mechanisms to cope and recover.

#### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 6.1 The work outlined in the report will contribute to the following key priorities for the Council:
- Resilient, healthy and safe communities
  - High performing, value for money and resident focused services

#### **Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.