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MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Executive Director Commissioning, Communities and Policy

Domestic Abuse Services – Grant Funding of Perpetrator Programme with Intuitive Thinking Skills

1 Purpose of Report

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for grant funding over the course of two years, at a cost of £35,000 per annum, for the provision of a Perpetrator Programme with Intuitive Thinking Skills (ITS).

2 Information and Analysis

ITS previously delivered a short pilot project for the Community Safety Unit of their joint perpetrator and ‘affected others’ programmes. The pilot was grant funded using funding awarded to the County Council by the Home Office under their Violence Against Women and Girls Service Transformation Fund 2017-2020.

The projects were favourably evaluated by Derby University, with both quantitative data measuring changes in attitude and behaviour, incident reports provided by Derbyshire Constabulary and qualitative data from participants and referrers collected. Statistically significant improvement was observed in scores for both programmes.

Themes identified within the qualitative data to come from the ‘affected others’ programme included:

- Changes to insight and learning
- Increase in confidence
- Changes to the management of relationships
- Enhanced problem solving

Themes identified within the qualitative data from the perpetrator programme included:

- Changes to insight and learning
- Changes to levels of engagement
- Changes to behaviour
- Changes to relationships with children and family

Incident reporting data provided by Derbyshire Constabulary suggested a significant change to the level of reported incidents for those who participated in

the perpetrator programme. There was 59% drop in overall reported incidents, including a 73% drop in incidents where the participant was a suspect.

It is proposed to grant fund ITS to deliver a number of joint perpetrator and 'affected others' programmes over the course of two years to commence April 2021, at a cost of £35,000 per annum.

3 Financial Considerations

The cost of the grant has been agreed by the Public Health Investment Panel and can be met by the Public Health Reserve.

4 Other considerations

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

5 Key Decision

No.

6 Call-In

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No.

7 Background Papers

Held on file within the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department.
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8 OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member approves grant funding over the course of two years, at a cost of £35,000 per annum, for the provision of a Perpetrator Programme with Intuitive Thinking Skills (ITS).

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