

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)

The following decision was taken on 26 February 2018 by the Director of Commissioning, Inclusion and Learning.

Date notified to all members: Monday 26 February 2018

Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

1. **TITLE**

Department of Communities and Local Government Domestic Abuse Fund - Award of Grant to Paradigm Psychological Services Ltd, for support around Psychological Informed Environment (PIE) for Sheffield Area Refuge and Support (SARAS)

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

It has been decided that:

An award of a grant of £10,000 is made to Paradigm Psychological Services Ltd to fund the delivery of support and consultancy to staff at Sheffield Area Refuge and Support (SARAS) and other refuges, to help them deliver more psychologically informed therapeutic support.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The £93,500 grant from DCLG allows the council to test new approaches to support, and to enhance existing service provision to victims of domestic abuse. This will help mitigate against any future budget reductions. Permission has been granted to allocate £83,500 of the grant, but £10,000 was retained pending the outcomes of a tender of a contract to inform psychologically based therapeutic support.

The tender is now complete and the contract was awarded to Paradigm Psychological Services Ltd. This contract started on 30 October 2017. The payment of the retained £10,000 to Paradigm Psychological Services Ltd means they can extend this service to domestic abuse settings.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Sheffield City Council could have use the £10,000 to procure services from an independent provider or the money could have been used to pay refuge providers to purchase their staff development. As a recently procured service is already in place and the provider has the skills and capacity to deliver what is required, the recommended option is more likely to result in the delivery of a consistent approach to supplying psychological interventions across the sector.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

1. Officer Non-Key Decision Report;

2. Grant Application Form – DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund – Funding to help support the victims of domestic abuse;
3. Offer Letter and Grant Determination (May 2017) – DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund – Funding to help the victims of domestic abuse;
4. Form 4 – DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund – Funding to help support the victims of domestic abuse, 16 March 2017;
5. Department of Communities and Local Government Domestic Abuse Fund – Form 2A – Award of Grant to Sheffield Area Refuge and Support (SARAS) and Expansion of Sanctuary Scheme, June 2017;
6. Form 4 – DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund – Funding to help support the victims of domestic abuse, 23 June 2017.

6.1 Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision

None

6.2 Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service

Not applicable

7. Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Executive Director, People Services