

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-015

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

The Ministry of Justice has made £4.7 million available to Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales to fund specialist services supporting survivors of childhood sexual abuse, adults and children.

We would be grateful if you could clarify how the portion of the £4.7 million that you have received from the Ministry of Justice will be used in your geographical area to support voluntary sector services for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, in particular services for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse.

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

Of the £4.7 million Ministry of Justice (MoJ) funding available nationally, the MoJ has informed the Dorset PCC that, along with the Victims' Services Grant allocation for 2016/17, a "CSA indicative spend" of just over £62,000 will be allocated to Dorset.

No decisions will be made regarding the commissioning of this allocation until (i) Conditions of Grant are issued by the MoJ, and (ii) the Dorset PCC has been sworn in, following the PCC elections in May 2016.

Any such decisions regarding the commissioning of this allocation will then be made following appropriate reference to, and consultation with, key partners in order to achieve the best use of the available funds.

In more general terms, our response to a previous Freedom of Information request in 2015 (our reference 2015-018) set out a breakdown of contracts awarded for sexual violence/abuse or related services for each financial year between 2012/13 and 2014/15:

<http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/information-hub/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log/>

For 2015/16 we have continued to fund and support a number of related services, including:

- Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC);
- Independent Sexual Violence Advisors;
- Rape Crisis core funding;
- Preventing crimes against sex workers;
- Offender rehabilitation;
- CSE/missing children;
- Psychotherapy group for victims of childhood abuse;
- Play therapist for CSE victims; and
- A 'live chat' project for survivors of rape and sexual violence.