

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW FUNDING

1. Purpose of Report

To inform Cabinet of the current funding position for Domestic Homicide Review and request approval for additional funding to be allocated.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the current financial position for the delivery of Domestic Homicide Reviews and RESOLVE that additional funding of £5,000, allocated from Revenue Contingencies 2022/23, be approved.

3. Detail

It is a legal requirement for Local Authorities in England and Wales to participate in Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) on behalf of the Secretary of State. A Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) is therefore a statutory process under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Adults Act (2004) which commenced on the 13th April 2011.

The Act states that a DHR should be a multi-agency review 'of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 years or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by:

- a) A person to whom he or she was related with or with whom he or she was or had been in an intimate relationship with, or
- b) A member of the same household as him or herself

A DHR is held with a view to identifying lessons to be learnt from the death and is the responsibility of the Local Community Safety Partnership which covers Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe and are funded equally by the three Local Authorities.

The financial implication of a standard DHR is currently £8,500 The Strategic Group did not consider a balance of £13,500 sufficient for possible future DHRs in 2022/23.

Due to the nature of DHRs the SNCSP are unable to anticipate the level of funding required to support these so they request funding only when it becomes apparent that the balance is unlikely to meet demand. The last funding request was made in 2018/19.

Annual Income/Expenditure

YEAR	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	COMMITTED	BALANCE
2017/18	35,700	3,700		32,000
2018/19	15,000	8,500		38,500
2019/20	13,000	11,000		40,500
2020/21		2,000		38,500
2021/22		8,000		30,500
2022/23			17,000	13,500
TOTAL	63,700	33,200	17,000	13,500

Current DHR Breakdown

OPERATION	COMMITTED	SPEND	BALANCE
HARLEM (Rushcliffe)	8,000	2,000	6,000
HIGHLAND (Broxtowe)	8,500	4,000	4,500
HYPERION (Broxtowe)	8,500	2,000	6,500
TOTAL	25,000	8,000	17,000

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There is currently no provision within the revenue budget for the additional cost of Domestic Homicide Reviews. If Members were minded to support this request, an allocation could be made from 2022/23 Revenue Contingencies of which £25,000 is presently available (subject to any other requests on this agenda).

5. Legal Implications

As detailed within the details of the report.

6. Background Papers

Nil.