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Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
for Warwickshire

## Decision Application WPCC20086

### CONTRIBUTION TO UNSEEN – MODERN SLAVERY HELPLINE

<b>Application Date:</b>	July 2019	<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Helen Earp
<b>Application Decision Reference: WPCC20086</b>			
<b>1. Summary of the application</b> To provide a contribution towards the UK-wide Modern Slavery Helpline managed by the charity Unseen UK Ltd.			
<b>2. Background information:</b> The helpline provides police forces with timely information about situations of modern slavery to aid police investigations, help victims to leave exploitative situations and support wider prevention activities.  During the last two calendar years the Helpline has taken over 11,800 calls and online contacts from potential victims, statutory agencies, business and members of the public and indicated over 12,000 potential victims of modern slavery.  The Helpline has made referrals to every single police force in the UK with over 3,200 police referrals since October 2016.  In Warwickshire between January 2017 and December 2018, the Helpline made 22 referrals and received reports of modern slavery situations involving 63 potential victims.			
<b>3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application</b> <b>YES</b>  <b>List of additional information/report</b>  a) All correspondence to date (letters) b)			
<b>4. Expected benefits (non financial)</b>  •Police are the main beneficiaries of the helpline			

- Information and referrals have resulted directly in police investigations, arrests and safeguarding of individuals
- Produce data and information on the types of calls to support prevention and awareness raising activities
- Signposting people to the helpline rather than 101 freeing up resources and ensuing reports to identified police SPOC for quick and appropriate action
- Provide advice and guidance to officers dealing with victims and potential victims
- Short term interim funding solution to allow the Helpline to establish a sustainable funding stream.

**5. Impact of not approving the application**

Each PCC has been asked to provide a contribution to support the Helpline whilst a more sustainable solution is found. If the Helpline were to cease victims and potential victims would not be identified or supported; police would not have a single point of contact and investigations would not benefit from the Helpline team expertise.

**6. Costs**

**Revenue:** A donation of £5,000 has been made by the Warwickshire PCC to support the costs of the service and the work undertaken within Warwickshire.

**Capital:**

**7. Savings:**

N/A

**8. Equality and Diversity Implications:**

**9. Treasurer's comments**

The donation can be met from within the existing 2019/20 Commissioners grant budget.

**10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments**

**Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

*Agreed*

**PCC Signature:**

*Russell Jones*

**Date of Decision:**

*25/7/19.*