



**Philip Seccombe
Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire**

Decision Application WPCC20092

DONATION TO SUZY LAMPLUGH TRUST FOR THE NATIONAL STALKING HELPLINE

Application Date:	Sept 2019	Name of Applicant:	Helen Earp
Application Decision Reference: WPCC20092			
1. Summary of the application To provide a donation to the National Stalking Helpline, managed by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.			
2. Background information: Stalking is one of the most common forms of interpersonal violence in the UK: 1 in 5 women and 1 in 10 men will be a victim of stalking in their lives (UK government statistics), making stalking as pervasive as domestic abuse, as well as a gendered crime. Women are disproportionately the victims, whereas men are disproportionately the perpetrators (74% of perpetrators are male). However, with stalking, most victims are living through an active crime, trying to cope with and recover while it continues Suzy Lamplugh Trust runs the National Stalking Helpline, the only service of its kind that we know of anywhere in the world. The service begun in 2010 to provide support, advice and advocacy to victims of stalking, helping them regain control of their lives. It has since helped over 30,000 victims through phone and email contact. Paralleled to this and on behalf of victims who are at serious risk of harm and/or complex cases, the Trust regularly makes representations to local police forces through their advocacy work, to drive prompt action when required.			
3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application Yes – Request for funding from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.			
4. Expected benefits (non financial)			

Victims of stalking and harassment in Warwickshire will be supported through advice and advocacy as the telephone helpline will be able to support more people with the additional investment from PCCs

5. Impact of not approving the application

The national helpline will not be available to people in need of advice and advocacy, at current capacity around 40% of calls received are answered. It is regrettable that many of those who fail to get through soon give up and a significant number will unavoidably become numbers on Police crime statistics.

6. Costs

Revenue:

£1,000 has been donated. The amount is proportional to the size of the force approached and anticipated demand for the service.

7. Savings:

N/A

8. Equality and Diversity Implications:

N/A

9. Treasurer's comments

The donation can be financed from within the current PCC budget for 2019/20

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

The Commissioner is supportive of this donation on the basis that victims in Warwickshire will be able to access the helpline.

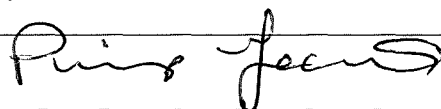
This specialised helpline will provide vulnerable victims with access to sound advice and advocacy which is currently not available from other support services.

The donation is in line with the size of the local population and the OPCC budget.

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Agreed

PCC Signature:



Date of Decision:

21st October 2019