

Decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Item: Beacon Safeguarding Hub

Date: 11 March 2021

Decision: The paper was approved at the above Decision-Making Meeting.

Option 2, to increase the staff resource to improve service delivery so that 100% medium risk Domestic Abuse victims are contacted and offered support from April 2021 onwards, was agreed. The extra costs of £31,500 will come from the PCC's MOJ victim commissioning budget for 2021/22.

Background: In February 2020, the Commissioner agreed to the development of a Safeguarding Hub. This initiative aimed to address an identified gap in victim service provision and concerns that the high volume of medium risk Domestic Abuse (DA) victims were not routinely benefitting from the opportunity to engage with Beacon's specialist service and receive a consistent level of support. Due to the fluid and dynamic nature of risk, transition between the various risk levels is an ever-present concern, with medium risk DA victims potentially the most vulnerable.

Paper: Beacon Safeguarding Hub DMM Paper