DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF CSD
DECISION No. CSD40

SUBJECT:

Chairing a "Lessons Learned" Review follow a suicide where domestic abuse was a factor

BACKGROUND:

The Home Office Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) guidance states that Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) should consider carrying out a multi-agency review in the event of the suicide of someone known to have been affected by domestic abuse.

In June 2016 a women committed suicide who was known to a number of services including the local domestic abuse service. Following discussions with partner agencies and the Home Office, the Chair of the North Somerset People and Communities Board decided that a multi-agency review should be carried out. The purpose of the review will be to identify any lessons which can be learned to improve practice around multi-agency support for victims of domestic abuse in the district.

It is best practice for such a review to Chaired by an independent person and so a request for quotations for this role was circulated to individuals and agencies with expertise in this specialist area of work.

DECISION:

To award a grant of £3,000 to Review Consulting Limited to chair a multiagency review into support around an individual who committed suicide.

REASONS:

5 quotations were received and considered by a panel and Review Consulting received the highest score.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The circumstances of this death do not require a formal DHR and it was felt that this approach, led by an independent Chair, is the most likely to lead to a thorough review with a useful and comprehensive list of recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The CSP has agreed that the cost of DHRs will be met by partner agencies. In this case, funding has been provided by North Somerset Council, North Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Avon and Somerset Constabulary

IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE YEARS:

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for (Director of Corporate Services)