

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO:42/20**

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner with your request for information which was received by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020. We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked a number of questions in your request regarding externally commissioned services to support individuals who may be anxious, stressed, suicidal or overwhelmed.

The Police and Crime Commissioners for West Yorkshire funds a wide variety of services to support victims and communities. Due to the nature of this provision people accessing these services may/will *be anxious, stressed, depressed, suicidal or overwhelmed and who need immediate support*. Please refer to the answer below to each of the questions.

### Question 1 & 2.

The Freedom of Information Act entitles you to access information held by the OPCC rather than ask questions. Question 1 and 2 of your request is not considered to be a valid Freedom of Information request since you are not requesting access to information held. However in order to offer advice and assistance I can confirm that the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire had not heard of Shout.

### Question 3 & 7

Information regarding services commissioned by the OPCC contracts and grants can be found on the OPCC website and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act which covers information accessible by other means.

Please see the links below to the relevant pages of our website.

[https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/current\\_contracts\\_and\\_granting\\_2019-2020.pdf](https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/current_contracts_and_granting_2019-2020.pdf)

The following link is to information regarding the Safer Communities fund that helps voluntary, community groups, charities and partners keep their communities safe and feeling safe. This page includes information on each grant round successful applicant information <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-communities-fund/successful-applications>

### Question 4

No – however as explained above mental health support is often built in to services by default of the types of provision provided to victims and communities.

### Question 5

We have been unable to locate any information relevant to this part of your request.

#### Question 6

This part of your request for information is not seeking to access information held by the OPCC and is not a valid Freedom of Information request.

If you consider that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. I have attached a copy of our appeals policy which explains how to submit an appeal and who will consider it. You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office via their website <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/> or by telephone on 0303 123 1113, although please note they would usually expect you to have gone through our internal review procedure before contacting them.