

DMPC Decision – PCD 1322

Title: Home Office Grant Funding – Disaster Victim Identification (DVI)

Executive Summary:

This paper seeks approval to accept Home Office grant funding of £340,000 for 2022/23 in respect of the National Policing Coordination Centre (NPoCC) Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) function. There is no financial exposure to MOPAC.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve MOPAC entering into a grant agreement with the Home Office, on behalf of the UK DVI and receive up to £340,000 of funding in 2022/23

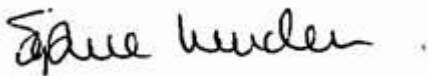
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Date 31/11/2022



PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The UK DVI sits within the National Police Coordination Centre (NPOCC) which MOPAC hosts. The role of UK DVI is to coordinate the national capability of the police service to respond to mass fatality incidents in the UK. The team works with police services, government departments, local authorities and other agencies to do this. The unit also organises or contributes to training and exercising and coordinates the police response to mass fatality incidents overseas when requested by HM Government.
- 1.2. UK DVI support the UK response to disaster abroad via the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Crisis Management Department, where British Nationals, UK citizens or in humanitarian support, where persons are killed and affected.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The grant funding is for the 2022/23 financial year only. UK DVI has assured that the grant funding will meet the costs of the DVI team. Discussions are taking place with the Home Office for a longer term grant agreement.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The NPOCC have assured that the estimated costs of the team will be fully funded from the HO grant, and if there are any additional costs these will be met by the Home Office or reclaimed in the case of FCDO deployments. There is no financial exposure for MOPAC.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. This grant will be paid to the MOPAC, as the host organisation for the NPOCC, in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 48 of the Police Act 1996.
- 4.2. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving".
- 4.3. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.

5.2. The receipt of HO funding does not involve the use of personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered

6. Equality Comments

6.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

6.2. There are no equality implications arising from acceptance of this grant funding.

7. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 NPoCC report - REPORT ON UK DVI

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form –NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Legal Advice: The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Commercial Issues Commercial issues are not applicable.	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Drafting Officer Alex Anderson has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.	✓
Director/Head of Service: The interim MOPAC Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Services has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓

Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature

Date 24/11/2022

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REPORT ON UK DVI

Report by Detective Superintendent Jonathan Marsden, National Coordinator for Disaster Victim Identification (DVI).

Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

UK DVI are a small standalone police unit, sitting alongside the National Police Coordination Centre.

Funding has been agreed with the Home Office for this financial year 2022/23.

A decision is required from MOPAC on behalf of UK DVI, to receive the 2022/23 funding provided by the Home Office to guarantee delivery of the full business case and detailed design

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is asked to consider the following:

1. Approve MOPAC entering into a grant agreement with the Home Office, on behalf of the UK DVI and receive up to £340,000 of funding in 2022/23.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

Introduction and background

UK DVI sits within the National Police Coordination Centre. The role of UK DVI is to coordinate the national capability of the police service to respond to mass fatality incidents in the UK. The team works with police services, government departments, local authorities and other agencies to do this. The unit also organises or contributes to training and exercising and coordinates the police response to mass fatality incidents overseas when requested by HM Government.

UK DVI support the UK response to disaster abroad via the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Crisis Management Department, where British Nationals, UK citizens or in humanitarian support, where persons are killed and affected.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

The policing costs associated with UK DVI will be funded by the Home Office with no permanent revenue cost to policing. This will be via a special grant to MOPAC who will then administer all financial arrangements on behalf of the UK DVI.

The Home Office have only granted funding for the current financial year. Discussions with the Home Office on a longer grant agreement term will take place as well as determining the suitability of the grant amount following. The latest review indicates an increase of at least of £34k on the current grant of £340k (10% increase).

UK DVI has considered the forecasted costs and is confident that the £340,000 granted by the HO is sufficient to cover the costs of the team.

Despite the above if there are over-costs which are not funded by the HO grant funding, UK DVI assure that these costs will be pre-authorised by Home Office sponsor department or reclaimed in the case of FCDO deployments.

UK DVI are currently operating at financial risk without the Grant Agreement in place although confidence remains high as funding has been received over previous years with the grant agreement taking time to be drafted and approved by all parties. Full utilisation of the grant funding is expected before financial year end.

Legal Comments

2. This grant will be paid to the MOPAC, as the host organisation for the NPCC, in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 48 of the Police Act 1996.
3. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve “Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving”.
4. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011

Equality Comments

5. No issues have been identified relating to equality or diversity.

Privacy Comments

6. The receipt of HO funding does not involve the use of personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

Real Estate Implications

7. There are no direct implications arising from the receipt of the HO funding. The UK DVI team are home based and have access to office and meeting space within current NPoCC Offices.

Environmental Implications

8. No Impact

Background/supporting papers

9. No applicable

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