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Dear Nadeem,

**Re: Domestic Abuse Commissioning**

Thank you for sending a representative to the Domestic Abuse Consultation Event on Friday 10 June 2016 to discuss the future of domestic abuse services in Kent. Contributions to this event were extremely useful.

The consultation period for the proposed model ends on 15 July 2016, so please do take this opportunity to formalise your views on the proposal by responding to the consultation.

A key area of discussion at this event was based in the level of contributions to the model to be requested from District and Borough Councils. As agreed, a funding formula has been devised and I am now able to set out the level of contribution that is being requested from your organisation.

I have attached a copy of the funding formula for your area, to break down how the proposed contribution has been calculated, as a percentage of the total contribution to be sought from District and Borough partners.

The total amount of contribution to be requested has been based on the findings of Sylvia Walby, the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research at Lancaster University who, in 2009, assessed [the cost of domestic abuse](#) to public services in England and Wales, and the local findings of independent consultation Fizz Annand who assessed the cost to housing in Kent to be approximately £4.8 million per year in 2014.

The current IDVA service also commissioned an [independent impact report](#) which was completed by Russell Webster, independent researcher and evaluator who specialises in criminal justice and substance misuse. This report identified that for each £1 spent on domestic abuse support services, a saving of approximately £25 could be realised to public services. As such, a total contribution of £192,000 per year has been identified as the amount required to 'offset' the cost to housing services.

Based on the funding formula attached, the contribution being requested from Dover District Council is **£14,051** per year.

It is recognised that the impact of domestic abuse is felt across many areas within local authorities, but as housing is the area which has had a fiscal cost attached to it this has been used as the basis of the calculation.

I would be grateful if you could consider this proposal, and confirm, in writing whether your authority is able to commit to the model commencing in April 2017, by 1 August 2016.

If you would like to discuss this further, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Matthews  
Commissioning Officer  
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