



VICTIM SUPPORT

Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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Dear Ms Evison,

Re: **Grant Aid for Victim Support**

As a charity Victim Support Hampshire & Isle of Wight seeks financial support from local District, Town and Parish Councils to enhance the Victim Care Service (VCS) that we provide across Hampshire & Isle of Wight for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). Although the funding we receive from the PCC covers the core service, it is vital that we raise additional funds locally to enhance the range of services which aid recovery for those who reside in your community.

This year we are particularly looking at developing the support we provide to young victims of crime, aged between 4 and 17 years, as well as those who are classified as priority victims within the Victims Code; these include the elderly, those impacted by hate crime, those with additional needs including mental health and various other vulnerabilities. Our additional services not only provide free professionally printed self-help workbooks but other materials and aids which help with communication, assist clients to express their feelings in the aftermath of a crime and which help them to further develop their own coping strategies at a pace that suits them.

The VCS provides free, independent and confidential services to all residents within Hampshire and Isle of Wight who find themselves impacted by crime - in 2018/19 we offered support to over 89,000 residents.

Our main hub office is located in Chandlers Ford but we also have satellite offices in Basingstoke, Havant and at Newport on the Isle of Wight. From these locations we oversee the provision of the best possible care for those impacted by crime whilst allowing for administration costs to remain at a minimum. The important work is undertaken by our wonderful team of staff and volunteers working in their local community to meet the various needs of our service users.

Some other key areas we will be concentrating on in 2019/20 which require additional funding include:

- Providing a range of commissioned services to victims (practical help such as the provision of free personal alarms and home security devices)
- Identifying and working on local projects to benefit the Hampshire and Isle of Wight community

If you would like further information about our organisation or if you would like us to provide you with more information about the services we provided in your area last year, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you are able to support us with our request for a grant contribution on this occasion and very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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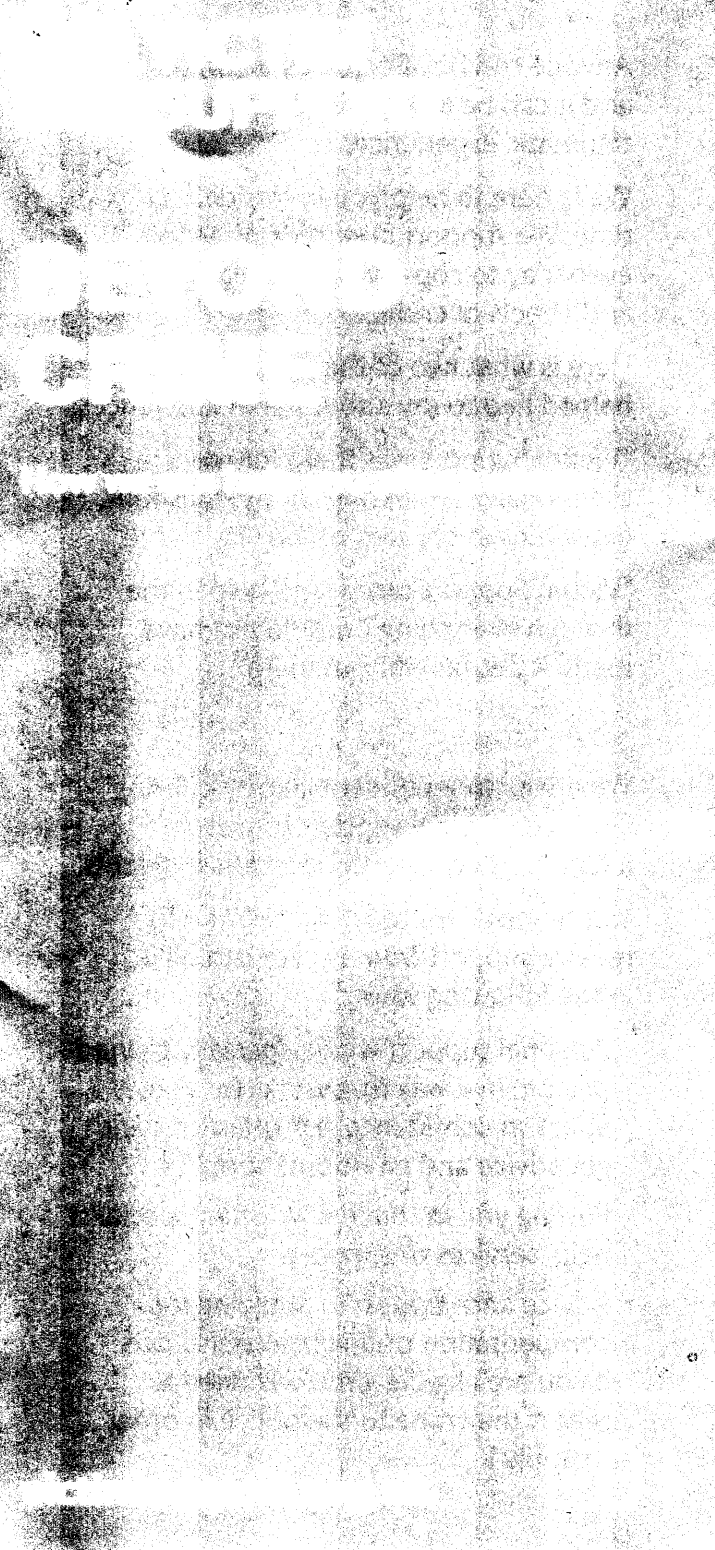
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Anyone can be affected by a crime, and it can be a very frightening and traumatic experience.

We're here to help you in this difficult time. We support hundreds of people every day to cope with the impact and effects of crime.

Here is what two of the people we've helped had to say about their experiences:

"Victim Support was there for me emotionally, answering all my questions, explaining every step of the way to me."

"Victim Support cared, and helped me through everything. I would not have made it this far without them."

We are an independent charity offering free, confidential support to people affected by crime and traumatic incidents.

You do not have to report a crime to receive support from us. We can help in the following ways:

Personal support with a specially trained person, in a way that works for you. Speak in confidence, ask questions and get advice and emotional support.

Putting you in touch with other specialist help, services or support.

Advice and support in applying for compensation or financial assistance if you are eligible. (You will need to report the crime to the police in order to apply.)

Practical information and help to make you feel safer and be safer. In some areas, this can be help to secure your home.

Information about reporting to the police, the criminal justice system and courts procedures. If you choose to report a crime, we can accompany and support you to do that.

We know that crime affects the whole family. We offer support to everyone directly affected, and we help parents and carers to support children coping with the impact of crime.

We are committed to supporting the needs of the diverse communities we serve. We can provide interpreters and information in alternative formats. If you have additional needs please let us know so we can put the right support in place.

Our contact details are on the back cover of this leaflet. You can call us weeks, months or even years after a crime. We are always here to listen and help.

Visit **[victimsupport.org.uk](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk)** for more information and to find services near you.