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Dear Mr Gibbs
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 children and young people and those who are classified as priority crimes 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.

Our VCS provides free, independent and confidential (where appropriate) services to all residents within Hampshire and Isle of Wight who find themselves impacted by crime - in 2016/17 we offered support to over 70,000 residents.

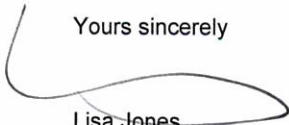
We operate from one central office located in Chandlers Ford, overseeing the provision of the best possible care for those impacted by crime whilst allowing for administration costs to remain at a minimum. The important work is undertaken by our wonderful team of volunteers and staff working in their local community to meet the various needs of our service users.

Some other key areas we will be concentrating on in 2017/18 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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