

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision



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<b>For Decision or Information</b>	Decision
<b>Date received*:</b>	04 July 2018
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**TITLE: Procurement of adult SARC services 2018-21**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Currently adults who have been recently raped or sexually assaulted visit Nottingham's Sexual Assault Referral Centre ("SARC", known locally as the Topaz Centre). The Topaz Centre provides crisis support for recent and non-recent sexual assault and rape, as well as access to healthcare, forensic examinations for recent assault and rape and referrals to ongoing emotional and other support. It is funded by NHS England (NHSE) and the PCC, who also provides the building and utilities as an in kind resource.

National Guidance ("Public health functions to be exercised by NHS England Service Specification 30") sets out the role for NHSE and PCCs to work together to commission adult and paediatric SARCs.

Forensic medical examinations are currently provided separately at the Topaz Centre as part of Nottinghamshire Police's Healthcare in Custody contract. Delivery of forensic examinations in custody and SARC are delivered as distinct elements within the contract. There have been some problems with the delivery of forensic examinations in SARC, with victims and survivors sometimes having to wait several hours for an examination, which is distressing for victims and survivors and difficult for the SARC provider to manage.

Following consultation with local stakeholders led by the PCC, NHSE will co-commission with the PCC a county wide adult SARC service based on the national specification. The service specification will also include the provision of forensic medical examinations.

The PCC is requested to agree:

1. To co-commission, with NHSE as the lead commissioner, a new regional adult SARC service, this will be delivered through the publication of an invitation to tender;
2. That the new adult SARC specification will include the provision of forensic medical examinations;
3. To contribute up to £310k pa towards the cost of the adult SARC for the years 2018-9, 2019-0 and 2020-1. This will be funded from up £30k from community safety grant, and £280k from police grant;
4. To continue to provide the Topaz Centre rent free, along with utilities, so long as the provider of the new contract is based in the Topaz Centre.

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**INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)**

Forensic examinations have been incorporated into the SARC specification to give the SARC provider full responsibility to deliver crisis and forensic examination services at SARC, to ensure the best possible outcome for survivors.

This may mean that additional investment from force budget is required for forensic examinations, however, the new requirement will be for examinations to take place almost immediately, with substantial benefit to victims and survivors through reduced waiting times.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION** (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

The funding is revenue and is in budget. It will come from community safety grant and Nottinghamshire Police's budget for healthcare in custody.

Signature:  
Chief Finance Officer



Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	X
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

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**OFFICER APPROVAL**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate 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 Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:  
Chief Executive

*Ken Dennis*

Date: 5/7/18

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**DECLARATION:**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

5/7/18

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\*\* See guidance on non public information