

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Support for victims and survivors of non domestic stalking – pilot project July 2019 – December 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC is requested to confirm his earlier approval to fund a pilot project to support victims of non domestic stalking.

Police forces in England were criticised by HMICFRS in 2017 for an insufficient response to stalking. As a result, Nottinghamshire Police has taken action to improve its response, including developing a stalking pathway and holding a monthly stalking clinic to manage perpetrators.

However the force has identified a gap in specialist support for stalking victims, when the stalking takes place outside of a domestic abuse context. Stalking victims are often at high risk by the time they report to the police and skilled and specialist support must be put in place to help keep victims and survivors safe and to support their recovery. Victims and survivors who are stalked in a domestic abuse context are already supported by the specialist commissioned domestic abuse support services.

The PCC is requested to confirm the following:

1. To pilot an approach to supporting non domestic stalking survivors for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020;
2. To award a contract of £37,500 (£18,750 each in 2019-0 and 2020-1) to Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking advocate support in the north of the county, working collaboratively with WAIS to ensure a seamless service across the county;
3. To award a contract of £37,500 (£18,750 each in 2019-0 and 2020-1) to WAIS to deliver a specialist stalking advocacy support service in the city and south of the county, working collaboratively with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to ensure a seamless service across the county;
4. To award a grant of up to £10,000 to Equation to develop and deliver workforce development training on stalking, develop promotional material for the stalking advocacy service and to support any male survivors of non domestic stalking for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020.

£75,000 will be paid for out of Ministry of Justice's Victims Services Grant. £10,000 will be paid for out of Community Safety Grant.

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

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust reports that the consequences of stalking for victims can be physical, psychological, social and economic. Victims can develop anxiety, depression and agoraphobia, with 50% of victims experiencing post traumatic stress disorder. Many victims change their behaviour to feel safer, including not going out in public, reducing social outings and moving home.

Best practice elsewhere in the county indicates that a specialist stalking advocacy service is required to help ensure that victims and survivors are safe and supported. The skills and support functions required are similar to domestic abuse workers, even if the stalking does not take place in a domestic context.

The commissioned domestic abuse providers NWA and WAIS are already attending the multi agency stalking clinics where there is case involving a victim of domestic stalking. As the stalking advocacy service will be very small, with the equivalent of a single worker covering the city and county, the commissioned domestic abuse providers represent the best way to achieve resilience in the service to respond to victims and survivors' needs, attend stalking clinics, take any urgent safety planning required and cover absence.

The pilot will run from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021. It will be managed by a steering group including an officer from Nottinghamshire Police responsible for stalking. It will be reviewed in July 2020, with the review considering the uptake of the service and how it is best commissioned in future. Lessons from the pilot will be capture to inform a future procurement exercise, if one is required.

Although the review will take place in July 2020, the pilot will be funded to December 2020 to allow time for the review and future commissioning arrangements to be put in place.

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)

This is revenue funding and is in budget.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 3rd July 2019

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	✓
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:



Date:

10/7/19.

Chief Executive

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:

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