

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Uplift for Children's Independent Sexual Violence Adviser Service 2019-2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As outlined in Notice of Decision ref 2018.050, the PCC agreed to award a contract to deliver a Children's ISVA service until 30 June 2020 to Imara, with an agreed price of £243,962 pa. This price paid for 2.5 FTE CHISVA posts.

In May 2019 Imara formally approached the PCC with a business case for additional funding for the service, based on the higher than anticipated numbers of children and young people requiring support and the ending of some CHISVA specific charitable funding which Imara used to enhance the CHISVA contract.

Following receipt of the business case, the OPCC reviewed the service and concluded that additional capacity in the service is required in order to support children and young people safely.

The PCC is asked to confirm his earlier verbal approval for a financial uplift in the CHISVA contract service to bring it up to his original financial envelope for the CHISVA service of £120k. The PCC is specifically requested to approve the:

1. increase of Imara's contract value for 2019-0 by £6,500 for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 March 2020; and the
2. increase of Imara's contract value for 2020-1 by £2,750 for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020.

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

The OPCC met with the Director and Chair of Imara to review the service, including case closures, to ensure that the service is efficient as well as effective. The numbers of children and young people was also reviewed. The following pressures on the service were identified as part of the review:

- the CHISVA service is unique in that often parents of children and young people, and young survivors' siblings also require support, creating additional pressure on the service
- the service has no control over referrals, as all the Nottingham/Nottinghamshire children and young people attending the paediatric SARC are referred into the service for support
- there is a gap in the provision of therapeutic support sessions at the paediatric SARC, which means that children and young people in Nottinghamshire county have to wait for therapeutic support and often need to stay longer in the CHISVA service whilst they are waiting

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- it is challenging to cover a large geographical area with a very small staff team – there is no resilience in the service to cover annual leave or sickness.

There is no set caseload for ISVA/CHISVA service, however, 60 is considered by Lime Culture (the national specialist ISVA training agency) to be the highest manageable caseload. Without the additional funding, the CHISVAs would be working with a caseload of over 70 survivors each.

The OPCC's recommendation is therefore that there is a small financial uplift in the service, to bring it up to the original budget for the CHISVA tender, which was £120k pa. This does not fully meet the need identified. However, with additional voluntary sector funding identified by Imara, the uplift allows the service to support children and young people effectively until the end of the contract on 30 June 2019.

In the meantime:

- the level of service beyond June 2020 will be determined by the PCC's co-commissioned needs assessment, produced by Lime Culture and due to be published in November 2019;
- the OPCC is working closely with NHS England, the lead commissioner for the paediatric SARC, to address the gap in provision of therapeutic support in the county.

Procurement advice has been sought for the recommended financial uplift, which identified no issues.

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.

Signature:

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 22nd October 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:

**Chief Executive**

Date:

23/10/19.

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:

24/10/19

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