

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	30.09.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.096

TITLE:	POLICE COMPLAINT REVIEWS – CONTRACT EXTENSION
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Where a complaint has been recorded under Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act 2002, the complainant has a right to apply for a review of the outcome of a police complaint.

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are responsible for reviewing police complaints. As set out in Decision Record 2021.007 the PCC entered into a contract with Sancus Solutions Ltd on 1st February 2021 for 12 months with an option to extend for a further 12 months from 1st February 2022. The Commissioner is now required to approve this 12 month extension allowed for in the contract from 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2023. Sancus Solutions Ltd will consider whether the outcome of the handling of the complaint is reasonable and proportionate and where the Police and Crime Commissioner finds that the outcome of the complaint is not reasonable and proportionate it will uphold the review and make recommendations to Nottinghamshire Police.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

Sancus Solutions will act independently under authority from the Police and Crime Commissioner to undertake a review of complaints and make recommendations where the Chief Constable is the appropriate authority.


Their role will be to make an independent determination as to whether the complaint outcome has been handled reasonably and proportionately in accordance with primary legislation and the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) Statutory Complaints Guidance.

Sancus Solutions deliver investigation and review services across a number of specialist areas within Policing and the NHS.


The benefits of using Sancus to conduct complaint reviews are;

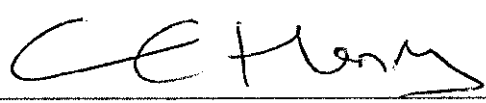
- Independence of decision making which will maintain public confidence in the review process.
- Cost will be predictable and entirely linked to the level of demand.
- Cost effectiveness, there will be no need to create new staff posts to conduct reviews.
- Consistency of decision making, Sancus seek to ensure the same reviewer deals with all of the review cases.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
This is revenue funding that will cover 2 financial years. There is a budget of up to £20,000 for the period 1st February 2022 to 31st March 2023.	
Signature: Chief Finance Officer	
Date:	4th October 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
That the Police and Crime Commissioner extends the contract for Sancus Solutions Ltd to undertake Police Complaint Reviews – as allowed for in the current contract. The extension will run from 1 February 2022 for 12 months.				

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:	8/10/21

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: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	11.10.21

** See guidance on non-public information