

# Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	25/11/2021
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.119

<b>TITLE:</b>	PCC funding for Adult and Paediatric Sexual Assault Referral Centres 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2025
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Commissioner works with NHS England to co-commission sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) services in Nottinghamshire, with NHSE acting as the lead commissioner.

As outlined in Notice of Decision 2018.058, the former PCC agreed to fund NHSE's contract to Mountain Healthcare Limited to deliver an adult SARC service in Nottinghamshire, and to fund NHSE's contract with Nottinghamshire University Hospitals NHS Trust to deliver a paediatric SARC service for the East Midlands including Nottinghamshire. The contracts were extended until March 2022 as outlined in Notice of Decision 2020.070.

The SARC contracts are due to expire on 31 March 2023. NHSE has written to the PCC to request support to extend the contracts for a final two years until 31 March 2025. The purpose of the extension is to allow time for the new Forensic Science Regulation accreditation to be progressed and to develop a co-commissioning strategy with PCCs.

The services are essential to support survivors of sexual assault and are delivering well.

The Commissioner is requested to agree:

1. To provide £20,000 pa of revenue budget to NHS England for the paediatric SARC for the financial years 2023-4 and 2024-5;
2. To provide £310,000 pa of revenue funding to NHS England for the adult SARC for the financial years 2023-4 and 2024-5. This will be funded by £560,000 from revenue budget and £60,000 from community safety grant;
3. To provide the Topaz Centre rent free to Mountain Healthcare to deliver the adult SARC.

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

NHSE is the lead commissioner for SARCs and its Commercial Executive Group has agreed the extension. All SARCs must achieve Forensic Science Regulation (FSR) during October 2022 – October 2023. The extension allows time for FSR accreditation and for a new procurement strategy to be developed and implemented. It is therefore not operationally sensible to have a potential change in provider during this period.

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NHSE&I is the lead commissioner and has taken legal advice on the contract extensions, which may be made as the value is below 50% of the current contract value.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The funding is revenue and is in budget.

Signature:  
Chief Finance Officer



Date:

29th November 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?\*\*

Yes



No



If yes, please state under which category 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:

29/11/21

\*\* See guidance on non-public information

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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:**
**Nottinghamshire Police &  
Crime Commissioner**

**Date:**

1st December 2021