

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**Notice of Decision**

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TITLE: Victims and Domestic Abuse Survivors Consultation: Research Tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consultation with victims, and the people who support them, is urgently required in order to gather views on the future shape of victim support services. Recent additional MoJ funding for the Commissioner to prepare for commissioning victim support services allows NOPCC to commission high quality independent qualitative research with victims. The research findings and recommendations will identify the priorities for delivery of future core and specialist victim services to inform both a Nottinghamshire Victims' Strategy and a draft delivery specification.

£37,000 has been allocated to the research, in two lots. Lot 1 will inform the future shape of services for victims of crime in Nottingham/shire. Lot 2 will inform the future shape of services for domestic abuse survivors in Nottinghamshire.

Outsourcing the research brings the advantages of:

- Independence;
- capacity to increase the scope of the research, which will provide a sound dataset of victims' needs which can be used to help drive forward potential change in victims' services as well as provide a benchmark to assess the effectiveness of future commissioned services;
- maximising the limited capacity within NOPCC to conduct a wide scale consultation exercise with victims within a short timescale.

Recommendation: that the research brief is sent to a select list of potential providers as follows:

1. contacts and/or criminology departments in each university in the East Midlands
2. social research companies who have a proven track record of delivering high quality social research with victims living in Nottinghamshire:
 - Marketing Innovation Ltd, Loughborough
 - Opinion Research Services, Swansea
 - Social and Marketing Strategic Research, Hull.

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

The recommendation to send to a selected list of potential providers has been made because:

- the work needs to be completed quickly (end January 2014) and there is very limited capacity within NOPCC to manage a large number of tender responses;
- the list contains a number of potential providers who have a proven track record of delivery, and of being able to deliver quickly at short notice;

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- although the list is short, there is nevertheless a good range of providers whose responses will offer a range of research methodologies and fees.

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

No

DECISION:

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 and Crime Commissioner

Date:

16/12/13

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:

9th December 2013

** See guidance on non public information and confidential information.