

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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TITLE: Independent Victims and Police and Crime Plan Priorities and Police Budget and Precept Research

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) has commissioned two urgent pieces of research:

Victims support services: The Commissioner will commission victims' support services from October 2014. The Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (NOPCC) urgently needs to consult with victims, and the people who support them, in order to gather views on the future shape of services. Independent 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

Police and Crime Plan refresh: the Commissioner has a statutory responsibility to seek the views of the public when producing and refreshing his 2013-2018 Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan and setting the 2014/15 Nottinghamshire Police budget and precept. The Commissioner has to present a report the Police and Crime Panel in February 2014 regarding his budget proposal. Therefore, three resident focus groups, (one in Nottingham City and two in Nottinghamshire) will take place in early January 2014 to identify findings to inform the refresh of the Plan.

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

The victims' consultation is urgent. A research brief with a tight timescale was sent to contacts and/or criminology departments in each university in the East Midlands and three social research companies who have a proven track record of delivering high quality social research with victims.

The Police and Crime Plan research is also urgent. The research brief was sent to three social research companies who have previously delivered very similar work, for the Commissioner and other PCCs.

Three tenders were received for each piece of research, which were assessed through a scored matrix. Opinion Research Services (ORS), scored significantly higher in both tenders than the other tendering organisations. Their bids were within the agreed research budgets.

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

No

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DECISION:

To award the contract to Opinion Research Services (ORS) to deliver:

1. Independent victims' support services consultation
2. Recruit, facilitate and report findings from three focus groups discussing the refresh of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan priorities and 2014/15 Nottinghamshire Police budget and precept proposal.

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:

10/1/14

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:

9th January 2014

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