

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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TITLE: Victims' Services Commissioning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following internal discussion about the future of victims' services, it was agreed in January 2014 that the PCC put forward a case to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to become an "early adopter" of victims' services, taking over responsibility for local commissioning of the core victim service from 1 October 2014 instead of 1 April 2015.

This business case was accepted and MoJ confirmed on 1 April 2014 that Nottinghamshire PCC was an early adopter of victims' services.

Nottinghamshire's early adopter approach is to:

1. Award £218,400 of grant funding to Victim Support to continue to deliver their existing service during the period 1 October 2014 – 31 March 2015.
2. Grant fund other victim support services that were previously funded directly by MoJ for the period 1 October 2014 – 31 March 2014, where no other funding exists for these services. The services to be grant funded are as follows:

Organisation	Value £	Service
ISAS	29,187	sexual violence support
NIDAS	18,608	court based IDVA support
Nottingham Rape Crisis	23,400	sexual violence support
Nottinghamshire Women's Aid	17,556	court based IDVA support
WAIS	31,600	two court based IDVAs

3. Publish an invitation to tender in late September/early October to select a provider to deliver a new model of victim-centred services from 1 April 2015 to support all victims of crime. The service will also support victims of anti-social behaviour, identity theft, road traffic collisions and hate crime incidents, on a needs led basis.
4. Work with the City and County Councils, including public health, and the clinical commissioning groups where possible, to co-commission new models of support for survivors of domestic abuse to be delivered in 2015, in line with the recent reviews of domestic abuse support in the city and county.
5. Work with the City and County Councils, including public health, and the clinical commissioning groups where possible, to explore the desirability and possibility of co-commissioning sexual violence support services in 2015.

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

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The PCC's goals during the early adopter period (1 October 2014 – 31 March 2015) are to:

1. ensure a smooth transition of service to new delivery models
2. ensure that victims of crime in Nottinghamshire receive high quality support
3. ensure that the core victims' service during the period October 2014 – March 2015 has full technical and practical interoperability with other victim support services in England and Wales, working with other support services to transfer victims of crime into and out of Nottinghamshire immediately and with no loss of data
4. understand the support provided by the current Victim Support delivered service better
5. ensure that services continue until new arrangements are put in place
6. commission new victim-centred, outcome focussed service to support victims to cope and recover from criminal conduct.

The decision to award grants to the organisations currently funded by MoJ to deliver domestic abuse or sexual violence support will ensure that vital services continue whilst new services are commissioned, and that there is a smooth handover to new services.

The decision to award a grant to Victim Support between 1 October 2014 and 31 March 2015 has been based on the undeveloped supplier base to deliver generalist victim support services. Central Government has grant funded Victim Support's service for many years and there are currently no other organisations expressing an interest in delivering generalist victim support services.

The new victims support generalist service will be procured through an invitation to tender exercise in line with OJEU procurement rules. Subject to confirmation of the PCC's 2016/7 funding from Home Office and Ministry of Justice, the contract will run from April 2015 to 31 March 2017. Not later than three months prior to the end of the contract, the PCC will have the option to extend the contract by one calendar year from 1 April 2017, or to extend the contract by two calendar years from 1 April 2017.

The decision to procure a new service from 1 April 2015 has been informed by research into victims, and providers' views about current and future services and consultation with providers and wider stakeholders about the proposed delivery model. The shape of the service has been agreed with the Integrated Victims' Services Transition Programme Board, which is a multi-agency Board including representatives from Nottinghamshire Police, Crime and Drugs Partnership and Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The Board's purpose is to oversee the transition from local to national services Board, monitoring the development and implementation of new services and ensuring risks are appropriately managed.

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	No	X	Yes	
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DECISION:

To approve:

1. The award of £218,400 of grant funding to Victim Support to continue to deliver their existing service during the period 1 October 2014 – 31 March 2015.
2. The award of grant funding to ISAS, NIDAS, Nottingham Rape Crisis, Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and WAIS as outlined above.

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3. The procurement of a new victims' of crime support service via an invitation to tender published in OJEU in late September/early October.
4. Work with the City and County Councils, including public health, and the clinical commissioning groups where possible, to co-commission new models of support for survivors of domestic abuse to be delivered in 2015, in line with the recent reviews of domestic abuse support in the city and county.
5. Work with the City and County Councils, including public health, and the clinical commissioning groups where possible, to explore the desirability and possibility of co-commissioning sexual violence support services in 2015.

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: 30/9/2014.

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: 30/9/14

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