

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision



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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Domestic abuse support services 2015-8 commissioning budget city county budget split

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Currently the commissioning of DV services in the city and county is fragmented, with disparate services funded through grants and contracts with the city and county councils and PCC. The PCC funded projects are funded through direct grants as well as grants given via the Crime and Drugs Partnership and Safer Nottinghamshire Board. All the PCC funded projects are based on historical grant arrangements.

The PCC is working with the city and county councils to co-commission holistic integrated DV services from October 2015 (county) and January 2016 (city). The 2015-6 DV commissioning budget has been agreed. There is a need now to agree the split between city and county.

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

The options for budget allocation are below.

Option	Budget implications	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option 1 Population split (28:72 city:county ratio)	£140k reduction for the city and corresponding increase for the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with Victim Services' Grant given by MoJ, which is population based • Simple • Transparent • Population figures are relatively stable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will result in a substantial decrease in the city's DV commissioning budget and subsequent increased risk to DV survivors • Doesn't take account of the higher levels of deprivation and resulting complexity of need in the city • Has a low correlation with known domestic abuse incidents/crimes • Population figures are best used where estimated crime levels/incidents are unknown • Based on historic crime/incident trend, likely to put the city at a severe disadvantage

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<p>Option 2</p> <p>Recorded crime (including domestic abuse incidents) split (41:59 city:county ratio)</p>	<p>£37k reduction for the city and corresponding increase for the county</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will result in an allocation that is closer to the historical provision and the smallest reduction for the city • The levels of recorded crime have been stable for the last 2 years • Highly correlated with known domestic abuse demand (crimes and incidents) and a better match with capacity and financial resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trend dependent on the survivors' awareness of support services, the force's recording and resource and is subject to variation.
<p>Option 3</p> <p>Mixed model with crime stats weighted x 2 split (35:65 city:county ratio)</p>	<p>£85k reduction for the city and corresponding increase for the county</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offsets some disadvantages identified in Options 1 and 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not fully address the disadvantage identified in Option 1.
<p>Option 4</p> <p>Historical split (49.5:50.5 city:county ratio)</p>	<p>The city and county continue to get the same allocation as in 2014-5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains the status quo • No reduction in the budget to the city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correlation between funding and crime or population • Could argue it is needs led but this is not evidenced

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) has not been included as an option because of wider variation on geographic victimisation estimates and higher year on year variability. Changes to the CSEW sample sizes means that year on year variation is likely to increase.

An equalities impact assessment is required before a final decision can be made.

In the meantime, option no 2 is recommended, subject to an equalities impact assessment, for the following reasons:

- The national intelligence model has advocated for many years that resources need to be matched against demand.

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- Whilst all domestic abuse services in the city and county are extremely busy and face increasing demand, there is no evidence of greater demand in the county to justify a move to a population based split.

The split in grant will apply from the start of the new DV contracts in October 2015 (county and January 2016 (city).

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	X
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

DECISION:

To approve Option no 2, subject to an equalities impact assessment.

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:

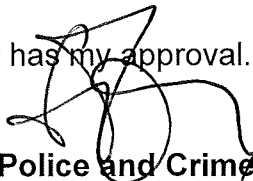
9th March 2015.**DECLARATION:**

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:

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