

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Commissioning intentions for sexual abuse support services 2015-9

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Currently the commissioning of sexual violence support services in the city and county is fragmented, with disparate services funded through grants and contracts with the city and county councils, Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group and PCC. The PCC funded projects are funded through direct grants as well as a grant given via the Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP).

The PCC's sexual violence support services commissioning strategy is a) to work with partners wherever possible and desirable to co-commission sexual violence support; and b) to ensure that current frontline support services are maintained until the new commissioned services are in place. To achieve this strategy Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will:

1. Award a grant of £74,000 to Nottingham Rape Crisis to contribute towards the delivery of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC or local name of Topaz Centre) for 2015-6. This will be paid from Nottinghamshire Police's budget £74,000 and is in addition to Nottinghamshire Police's in kind investment to the SARC of up to £19,000 per annum. The in kind investment includes rates and rent foregone.
2. Work with Nottingham City Council and Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group, under the umbrella of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to co-commission a new integrated sexual support service from April 2016 to March 2019. The support functions to be included in the new service will be co-produced with providers and stakeholders. The PCC's financial contribution will be confirmed later in 2015. An equalities impact assessment will be conducted by Nottingham City Council on behalf of the PCC and Clinical Commissioning Group.
3. Work with Nottinghamshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups in the county to explore common goals and whether or not a co-commissioned approach is valuable for services from April 2016.
4. Extend the PCC's 2014-5 grant funded projects in the city and county for 2015-6. Projects will be extended at the same level of funding to ensure there is no loss of service to sexual violence survivors until the new services are in place. The projects which will be extended are:

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Organisation	Service	Value £
Nottingham Rape Crisis	Rape support	46,800
	Schools outreach	10,000
ISAS	Rape Support	58,374
TOTAL		115,174

This will be funded by £105,174 of MoJ Victims' Services Grant and £10,000 Community Safety Grant.

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

Direct award of a grant to Nottingham Rape Crisis (no 1 above)

The SARC service is paid for by the PCC and by NHS England. NHS England is the bigger funder, contributing approximately £230,000 per annum to the delivery of the SARC. NHS England already has a contract in place with Nottingham Rape Crisis to deliver the SARC. It would not be practical or feasible for the PCC to conduct an open tender for its part of the SARC delivery and so this grant will be made as a direct award to Nottingham Rape Crisis. The PCC will work with NHS England to explore procurement options in future years.

Co-commissioned approach with Nottingham City Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (no 2 above)

A co-commissioned approach will enable commissioners to pool their sexual violence support budgets to tender for services which achieve a common set of outcomes, offering a more integrated service to survivors. It will also give the commissioned providers more flexibility to innovate and exploit synergies in service delivery.

Co-commissioned approach with Nottinghamshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups in Nottinghamshire (no 3 above)

A co-commissioned approach will enable commissioners to pool their sexual violence support budgets to tender for services which achieve a common set of outcomes, offering a more integrated service to domestic abuse survivors. It will also give the commissioned providers more flexibility to innovate and exploit synergies in service delivery. However, the low level of investment and potential mainstreaming of sexual violence support into the IAPT pathway in the county makes co-commissioning less desirable for the PCC. Common goals and potential for co-commissioning will be explored further with partners.

Grant extensions (no 4 above)

The grant extensions as an appropriate commissioning arrangement to ensure no loss in service in support for SV survivors in the city and county before contracts for new services are awarded through open tender.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

The funding is revenue and is in budget for 2015-6. Savings have not been applied to sexual violence services as reported sexual violence crime has increased substantially and services are under considerable pressure from greater demand.

Part of the co-commissioned approach will be to review best practice and different delivery models to assess how better to meet demand within existing resources.

Signature:

Date: 29th July 2015

Chief Finance Officer

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

DECISION:

To approve the following recommendations:

- To award a grant of £74,000, plus in kind funding of up to £19,000 to Nottingham Rape Crisis to contribute towards the cost of the SARC. This will be funded by Nottinghamshire Police.
- To work with Nottingham City Council and Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group, under the umbrella of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to co-commission a new integrated sexual support service from April 2016 to March 2019.
- To work with Nottinghamshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups in the county to explore common goals and whether or not a co-commissioned approach is valuable.
- To extend the grant funding of the following projects:

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OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken

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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:

30.7.15

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:



Date:

21/7/15

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