

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Funding for transition medium risk service in city

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC is requested to agree transition funding to support female medium risk domestic abuse referrals in the city. Funding is requested for September 2015 – March 2016 only to allow time for discussions with stakeholders in the city to agree a new pathway within mainstream resource.

A proposal for support has been submitted by the commissioned provider in the city, WAIS. Up to £13,180 has been requested. This will be funded by MoJ Victims' Services Grant.

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

In the county the co-commissioned domestic abuse service supports survivors at all levels of risk. However, in the city there is support for high risk, teens and medium risk women with complex needs only.

In April 2015 Victim Support stopped providing support for female medium risk domestic abuse survivors. Since this time, WAIS Helpline has been taking medium risk referrals from Victim Support, to try and 'plug the gap' in service. This was established as a temporary solution while funding/options were considered for further medium risk support.

Victim Support has been referring on average 10-15 women per week to WAIS for support. This is beyond the capacity of the helpline workers to pick up within their usual day, when approximately 40 calls per day are received. In addition, the city's Domestic Abuse Referral Team (DART) is also attempting to address a backlog of medium risk referrals (approx. 25-27 per week). As a result, many of the women referred to support are not receiving any form of intervention from WAIS or DART.

WAIS' proposal creates a fixed term post to provide interventions and support for medium risk women, managed by WAIS, and working in partnership with the DART. The post will reduce duplication of work, and enabling a more timely response and intervention for women referred to WAIS for support after a DV incident assessed as medium risk. The post is for a fixed term only and the Deputy PCC will lead discussions with the City Council, DART team leader, commissioned provider to put in place a sustainable solution after April 2016.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if it is 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)

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Revenue funding is requested. Budget provision has been made through the MoJ Victims' Services Grant.

Signature: 
 Chief Finance Officer

Date: 14th January 2016

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 agree to provide £13,180 transition funding to WAIS to support female medium risk domestic abuse referrals in the city for September 2015 – March 2016 only to allow time for discussions with stakeholders in the city to agree a new pathway within mainstream resource.

This will be funded by MoJ Victims' Services Grant.

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: 14.1.16

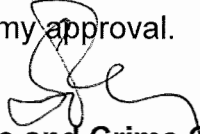
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DECLARATION:

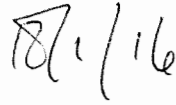
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:



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