

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Nottinghamshire Victim CARE reduced mobilisation timescale and costs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC is requested to approve the award of £42,000 to pay for additional costs incurred by Catch 22 to mobilise the Nottinghamshire Victim CARE service in a significantly reduced timescale.

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

The contract to deliver Nottinghamshire Victim CARE was scheduled to be awarded in September 2016, with a 3 month mobilisation period planned to lead into the new service becoming operational from 1 January 2017. The 2016 victim support and restorative justice services delivered by Victim Support and Remedi were due to expire on 31 December 2016.

However, there were delays in awarding the contract to Catch 22, with the contract commencing at the later start date of 15 November 2017. This left Catch 22 a period of just over 6 weeks, which included the Christmas and New Year bank holidays, to mobilise the service, including ensuring they met their TUPE obligations. Catch 22, along with other bidders seeking to deliver Nottinghamshire Victim CARE, had submitted mobilisation plans based on a 3 month transition period. They did not believe that they would be able to mobilise the new service in a shorter timeframe.

The following two options were considered:

1. to extend the contracts with the incumbent providers (Victim Support and Remedi) for an additional month to facilitate a longer mobilisation period (recognising that there was no guarantee that the incumbent providers would agree to extend their services and that any such extension would incur additional costs with those incumbent providers); or
2. to provide Catch 22 with additional funding to mobilise the service more quickly.

Whilst Option 1 was likely to be less expensive, it would prolong uncertainly for the staff affected by the contract award and would possibly result in additional loss of staff, with a subsequent risk of loss of support to victims. Although Option 2 was likely to be more expensive, the additional mobilisation fee quoted by Catch 22 of £42,000 is not considered to be prohibitively expensive, would be less disruptive for staff and would ensure continuity of service for victims.

As previously discussed and agreed verbally, the PCC is therefore asked to agree to Option 2 and pay Catch 22 an additional £42,000 to mobilise the service more quickly.

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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 OPCC negotiated with Catch 22 on the additional costs for mobilisation, identifying areas for saving which resulted in a lower cost to the PCC.

The funding is revenue and can be met from the commissioning budget, paid for by MoJ Victims' Services Grant.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 9th February 2017

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DECISION:

As previously discussed and agreed verbally, the PCC is therefore asked to agree to Option 2 pay Catch 22 an additional £42,000 to mobilise the service more quickly. The funding will be paid from 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: 17th February 2017

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: 21/2/17

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