

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Extension of funding for Sexual Assault Referral Centre (“SARC”), sexual violence support services and Childhood Sexual Abuse support services in Nottinghamshire 2017-8

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC has a responsibility to commission services for victims of crime, and to prioritise the victims of the most serious crime.

Victims (survivors) of sexual violence require a range of help to cope and recover from crime, including crisis support, help through the criminal justice system, counselling and peer support.

The PCC is working with partners to co-commission sexual violence support services. In order to ensure time for procurement, and no loss of support to providers, the PCC is requested to approve the following funding to ensure services are extended for one more year:

1. Funding of up to £107,000 to Nottinghamshire SVS Services (“Notts SVS Services”, formerly Rape Crisis) to fund the SARC for the 2017/8 financial year. This will be funded by £74,000 from community safety grant and £33,000 from police budget;
2. Funding of up to £22,464 from Victims Services Grant to Notts SVS Services to continue to provide therapeutic support in the county during 2017/8;
3. Funding of up to £91,898 from Victims Services Grant to ISAS to continue to provide therapeutic support in the county, this to be funded by £58,374 from Victims Services Grant and £33,524 from MoJ Childhood Sexual Abuse Grant (“CSA grant”);
4. Funding of up to £39,402 to Notts SVS Services to continue to provide therapeutic support in the city and county, this to be funded from MoJ CSA grant.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)**Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)**

NHS England, which provides approximately 75% of the revenue funding for the SARC, has extended its 2016/7 contract with Nottingham Rape Crisis until March 2018, with the intention of co-commissioning with the PCC new adult and paediatric SARC contracts. The new contracts will be operational from April 2018. In the meantime a SARC service must continue to be provided. The service cannot be disaggregated into elements funded by NHS England and elements funded by the PCC, there are therefore practical difficulties in the PCC publishing an invitation to tender for delivery of the PCC’s share of the SARC. A direct award to the current provider is recommended.

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Other support for survivors

The PCC has held extensive discussions with the County Council and clinical commissioning groups in the county. It has not been possible to co-commission a single specialist SV service in the county to be in place for April 2018. In order to allow time for further discussions with partners, and to ensure that a specialist therapeutic service is still available to survivors in the county direct awards to continue the existing arrangements is recommended.

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)

Revenue funding is requested. The amounts requested are within budget. The demand for sexual violence support has risen and continued investment is required.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 15th November 2017

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**				

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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: 16/11/17

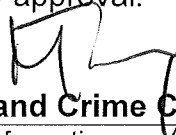
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DECLARATION:

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:

17/11/18

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