

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Support to adult survivors of non-recent childhood sexual abuse which took place in institutional care 2017-8

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In response to the police operations into childhood sexual abuse in children's homes, the City and County Councils, CCGs and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), under the umbrella of the safeguarding boards, formed a Senior Management Group (SMG) and developed a Historical Child Abuse Victim/Survivor Support Strategy. The Strategy has three key objectives, one of which is to ensure that services meet the needs of victims/survivors. To deliver the strategy, the PCC, City and County Councils each agreed £33,333 for 2017-8 and 2018-9 (£100k pa in total) to be used to jointly fund a new Survivor Support Service and a strategic engagement post.

The PCC agreed to act as the lead commissioner/employer. A specification for the Survivor Support Service and the job description for the SV Engagement Manager were developed with CSA survivors.

As the Independent Inquiry for Childhood Sexual Abuse (IICSA) held its preliminary hearing in Nottingham in May, and the Truth Project was holding a pop up session in Nottingham, there was a need for the Survivor Support Service to begin as quickly as possible.

The PCC is requested to confirm his earlier verbal agreement to:

1. provide £13,332 of MoJ Victims Services Grant for 2017-8 and 2018-9 towards a new Survivor Support Service and £20,000 of Community Safety Grant for the SV Engagement Manager service;
2. award £40,000 of funding to Notts SVS Services (formerly Rape Crisis) to deliver the Survivor Support Service for the period 2017-8. This will be funded by £13,332 of MoJ Victims Services' Grant and £13,334 each from the City and County Councils respectively;
3. host a SV Engagement Manager post for 2 years to engage with survivors and agencies;

The PCC is also requested to confirm his earlier verbal agreement to:

4. provide funding of up to £55,644 of MoJ Victims Services Grant to Nottinghamshire Rape Crisis to continue to provide immediate access to therapeutic support to survivors of historical institutional abuse.

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

Both the Survivor Support Service and the SV Engagement Manager post were extensively

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consulted on with survivors and partners.

The support functions of the Survivor Support Service are very similar to those being provided by the Support Co-ordinators at SARC and ISVA. Given the need to put support in place as quickly as possible, with IICSA and the Truth Project arrival in Nottingham bringing an increased local profile to survivors and potentially a subsequent higher demand for support; and that Notts SVS Services was already delivering Support Co-ordinator and ISVA services; it was recommended that the PCC directly award the funding to Notts SVS Services for one year only. This would allow time for the PCC to continue his discussions with partners about longer term therapeutic and non-therapeutic support and to issue an invitation to tender for the following year.

From November 2016 the PCC agreed to provide funding to Notts SVS Services to provide immediate access to therapeutic support for adult survivors of non-recent childhood sexual abuse which took place in institutional care. This funding was provided for the 2016-7 financial year.

The demand for all specialist SV services has risen substantially. If the dedicated counselling service was removed survivors would be potentially be on the waiting list for 4-5 months. The PCC is therefore requested to continue the service for one more year whilst discussions with the CCGs continue and an exit strategy for the service is identified.

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)

External funding from the City and County Councils (£33,334 each) will pay for two thirds of the cost of the Survivor Support Service and SV Engagement Manager. The balance of £33,332 will be paid for by £13,332pa of MoJ Victims Services Grant £20,000pa of Community Safety Grant.

£55,644 funding for the immediate access to counselling will be provided by MoJ Victims Services Grant.

The amounts requested are in budget. Revenue funding is requested. The demand on sexual violence support services has risen substantially.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 23rd November 2017

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If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

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3. host a SV Engagement Manager post for 2 years to engage with survivors and agencies;
4. provide funding of up to £55,644 of MoJ Victims Services Grant to Nottinghamshire Rape Crisis to continue to provide immediate therapeutic support to survivors of historical institutional abuse.

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:

23/11/17

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:

27/11/17

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