

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Child Sexual Abuse: use of MoJ CSA grant funding 2016-7

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC has a responsibility to commission services for victims of crime, and to prioritise the victims of the most serious crime. In February 2016 the PCC was notified by MoJ that his 2016-7 Victims' Services Grant would include additional new funding of £91,426.25 for victims of child sexual abuse ("CSA Fund").

The PCC is requested to confirm his earlier verbal agreement to allocate the CSA Fund to:

1. Provide a grant of up to £18,500 of funding to Nottinghamshire Rape Crisis to provide immediate support to survivors of historical institutional abuse;
2. Provide a grant of up to £39,402 from the CSA Fund to Nottinghamshire Rape Crisis to provide counselling support to survivors of childhood abuse aged 13+; and
3. Provide a grant of up to £33,524.25 from the CSA Fund to ISAS, to provide counselling and therapeutic support (drumming, creative writing) to adult survivors of childhood abuse.

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

The CSA Fund is Nottinghamshire's allocation of a national pot of funding that was administered by Norfolk OPCC on behalf of MoJ in 2015-6.

There are sexual violence support services in place in the city and the county, some of which are already funded by the PCC. However, these services are stretched with demand exceeding capacity. Given the short notice of the CSA Fund, and the need to ensure continued support for survivors, the PCC agreed to provide the organisations which had previously been funded by Norfolk OPCC with pro rata funding to continue their initiatives into 2016-7. However, Changing Lives confirmed that they no longer wished to run the Norfolk OPCC funded project. The PCC agreed to make a pro rata contribution of funding to ISAS and Rape Crisis to continue to their respective initiatives to support survivors.

In September 2016 Nottingham's Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) facilitated a listening event to enable survivors of historical abuse which took place in institutional care ("historical institutional survivors") to learn about the co-commissioned sexual violence support service delivered by Nottinghamshire Rape Crisis. Following this event over 30 survivors requested counselling and other support from Rape Crisis. As Rape Crisis' waiting list was 5-6 months for counselling support, Rape Crisis approached the PCC for additional funding to ensure that historical institutional survivors received immediate counselling support.

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The PCC already gives grants to Nottinghamshire Rape Crisis and to ISAS to deliver sexual violence support. However, the grant funding requested is to provide different services.

The counselling service for the historical institutional survivors needs to be delivered by Rape Crisis as it was the provider involved in the listening event and which the survivors asked for support.

The funding for the other initiatives ensures that existing services are able to continue, thereby ensuring no loss of service to survivors, whilst also creating the time for commissioners to review and recommission county sexual violence services during 2017.

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)

Revenue funding is requested. The demand on sexual violence support has risen substantially. The costs of the initiatives above will be met in full by the new MoJ CSA grant.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 26th February 2018

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 allocate the MoJ 2016-7 CSA Fund to:

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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: 1/3/18

DECLARATION:


I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the

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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:

2/3/12

** See guidance on non public information