

**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**  
**Notice of Decision**



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| <b>For Decision or Information</b> | Decision   |
| <b>Date received*:</b>             | 04 July 2018   |
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\*to be inserted by Office of PCC

**TITLE: Additional Investment into City MARAC IDVA and Admin Service**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Police and Crime Plan has a strategic priority to protect and support victims, witnesses and vulnerable people. To achieve this priority, the PCC commissions and co-commissions a number of victim support services, including a MARAC IDVA service in Nottingham. The MARAC IDVA service is commissioned by Nottingham City Council (CDP) on behalf of the PCC. It includes administrative support to the MARAC (contemporaneous notes and action chasing) in line with Safelives guidance.

A very high level of presenting high risk cases in the city led to the development of a case consideration process whereby cases were triaged before MARAC. HMIC PEEL: Police effectiveness 2016 An Inspection of Nottinghamshire Police (published March 2017) judged the force inadequate in how it protected those vulnerable from harm, with specific reference to the domestic abuse victims. After consultation, the city's MARAC steering group agreed to remove case consideration. This was done alongside a review of the MARAC process to ensure the effectiveness of the MARAC process.

The removal of the case consideration process resulted in the need for additional cases to be heard at MARAC. It was impossible for the existing MARAC service to deliver within nationally agreed Safelives guidance.

The PCC is therefore requested to approve additional investment into the City IDVA and MARAC Services. The additional investment would be as follows:

- 2017/8: £36,374 for additional MARAC IDVA and additional administration Dec-Mar
- 2018/9: £89,433 for additional MARAC IDVA and administration support Apr-Mar.

The funding will be paid from Community Safety Grant.

The amount will be included within the PCC/City Council/Nottingham CCG partnership agreement, with the service managed by the CDP on behalf of the PCC.

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

Partners in Nottingham have worked hard to ensure better reporting of domestic abuse. This, combined with high levels of deprivation, has resulted in higher than expected presenting demand

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at MARAC. The number of high risk cases in 2016-7 was 742 (average 29 per MARAC). In the first two quarters of 2017-8 it was 422 (if 844 if predicted for the full year and 33 per MARAC).

Caseloads for MARAC IDVAs are set nationally by Safelives, which provides external "Leading Lights" accreditation of MARAC services. The City MARAC IDVA service holds Leading Lights status.

It was impossible for the existing MARAC IDVA provision to support the increased numbers of high risk cases within Safelives guidance. In addition, there was insufficient funding to cover the additional MARAC time. A business case was therefore developed in order to decide the level of additional investment required.

The business case recommended that an additional 2 full-time MARAC IDVAs were funded, which provided maximum benefits whilst minimising risk. The benefits included the city maintaining Leading Lights status, lowering risk to women and children and ensuring equitable MARAC provision across city and county.

The business case also recommended that additional administration be funded, on the proviso that administrative efficiencies were sought via ECINS.

The additional investment would be reviewed in the summer of 2018 in order to decide on what investment might be required after March 2019.

In addition to the increased investment, measures were put in place by the MARAC steering group to ensure higher quality and more efficient referrals to MARAC.

**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 amount is in budget for 2017-8 and 2018-9.

Signature:   
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information\*\*?**

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| Yes |  | No |  |
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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: *Ken Dennis* Date: *5/7/18*  
**Chief Executive**

**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: *[Signature]* Date: *5/7/18*  
**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

\*\* See guidance on non public information