

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Procurement of specialist therapeutic support for victims and survivors of sexual violence and abuse

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC is asked to approve the procurement of a specialist therapeutic support service for victims and survivors of sexual violence and abuse.

The support will be funded by NHS England/Improvement (NHSE/I), following the PCC's earlier successful bid to NHSE/I's High Volume Fund. The aim of the service is to enable SVA survivors to recover from the harm they have experienced by working in partnership with existing specialist SVA counselling services to provide specialist survivor-centred, trauma informed, needs based counselling and other therapeutic support to adults and children and young people who have experienced sexual violence or abuse.

An invitation to tender will be published on EU Supply. The process will be managed by East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit (EMSCU) on behalf of the PCC.

The PCC is asked to approve formally the publication of a tender on EU Supply to identify a suitably qualified provider to deliver specialist therapeutic support for victims and survivors of sexual violence and abuse. The tender will cover the period January 2020 to March 2021 and have a value of £292,115. It will be funded by NHSE/I's High Volume Fund.

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

Following recent co-commissioning of sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) and independent sexual violence adviser (ISVA) services, the PCC is working closely with clinical commissioning groups, local authorities and NHSE/NHSI to develop a joint commissioning approach for specialist voluntary sector sexual violence counselling and other therapeutic support.

NHSE/I has a national High Volume Fund which aims to provide additional funding for areas where there has been a significant incident which has resulted in large numbers of victims and survivors of sexual violence and abuse.

Nottinghamshire Police's Operation Equinox brought together a number of large scale investigations into children who were abused in the care of local authorities in Nottinghamshire. Over 400 victims and survivors reported sexual violence and abuse to Nottinghamshire Police.

The PCC and local authorities have put dedicated support in place for adult survivors of non recent

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child sexual abuse which took place whilst in the care of institutions. However, gaps in support exist, and the additional demand on specialist sexual violence counselling in particular has resulted in services being unable to cope with demand. The PCC is aware that there are hundreds of survivors (mostly adults but also children and young people) on waiting lists, some of which are waiting over a year for specialist SVA counselling and therapy.

The PCC, working with local authority and clinical commissioning group partners, recently secured additional funding from NHSE/I's High Volume Fund. This is funding a number of initiatives, including additional specialist sexual violence and abuse counselling to reduce the waiting lists for support.

The PCC and NHSE/NHSI, with survivors, now wish to commission a suitably qualified provider which is very experienced in working with survivors of sexual violence and abuse to work closely with the PCC, and other commissioned sexual violence support services, to deliver a specialist sexual violence and abuse counselling and psychotherapy service to help survivors recover from harm.

East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit (EMSCU) will conduct the Invitation to Tender in line with legal Regulations and the PCC's Contract Standing Orders.

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)

The funding requested is revenue and is in budget. The service being funded by NHSE/I.

Signature:

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 5th February 2020

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

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:

Chief Executive

Date:

12/2/20

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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:

14/2/20

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