

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
Date received*:	28.05.20
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) Service Uplift and Contract Extension

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As outlined in Notice of Decision 2018.050, the PCC agreed to award a contract to deliver an ISVA service until 30 June 2020 to Notts SVS Services. The ISVA contract includes the Survivor Support Service which helps adult survivors of CSA which took place whilst in the care of authorities. In May 2019 the PCC agreed a financial uplift to the service of £26,667 to increase the capacity of the Survivor Support Service during 2019-0 (Notice of Decision 2019.022).

In 2019 the PCC successfully applied to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for additional ISVA funding. The funding was confirmed in March 2020, with MoJ stipulating that the funding should pay for 1 full time additional ISVA post for the 2020/1 and 2021/2 financial years.

Notts SVS Services' original ISVA contract will expire on 30 June 2020. The original Invitation to Tender made allowance for two possible one year extensions.

The PCC is requested to approve:

1. An increase in Notts SVS Services ISVA contract value for April – June 2020 of £10,625. This will be paid for by the additional MoJ ISVA grant.
2. A contract extension to Notts SVS Services to provide an ISVA service for the period July 2020 to June 2021, at a total cost of £329,105. This will be paid for by:
 - MoJ grant, which includes the additional MoJ ISVA funding awarded
 - £50,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council
 - £22,223 each from Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils for the Survivor Support Service.

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

The PCC made a strong funding application to MoJ, which clearly demonstrated the need for additional ISVA funding. He was one of 15 PCCs which secured additional funding.

The ISVA service provides vital support to adult sexual violence survivors. The PCC has received very positive feedback from survivors about the service and wishes it to continue.

Procurement advice was sought and is as follows:

1. The contract extension is permitted under the terms of the original ITT.

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2. The additional MoJ ISVA funding has been added to Notts SVS Services' contract for the following reasons:

- The funding was awarded by MoJ in March 2020, with the expectation that support would begin in April 2020, allowing no time for a further ITT;
- Covid 19 arrangements in late March and April created further difficulties in publishing a tender for additional ISVA provision; and
- Publishing a new ITT for the additional MoJ ISVA funding might have resulted in a different ISVA provider, which would have fragmented provision, causing confusion for survivors. Survivors have told the PCC many times that they prefer to have a single service to go to for support.

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 is revenue and is in budget.

Signature: 
 Chief Finance Officer

Date: 1st June 2020

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: 2/6/20

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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:

3/6/2020

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