

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

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	For decision
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TITLE: Understanding Serious Violence in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire: A qualitative, exploratory study

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is a requirement for research on behalf of the NNVRU, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit (NNVRU) is a partnership bringing together specialists from Local Government, Health, Education, Policing and Criminal Justice to work with communities and the third sector to reduce serious violence and tackle its underlying causes.

NNVRU completed a strategic need assessment (SNA) in April 2020 which gave us a comprehensive overview of violence in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County. We found that:

- There are important contextual factors for serious violence, in particular the deprivation and inequality experienced by some communities; contextual safeguarding is an essential part of understanding and reducing harm for children and young people.
- Males are over-represented as perpetrators and victims of serious violence.
- There are particular patterns of violence in relation to the Night Time Economy (NTE)
- There is substantial variation in the risk factors and observed violence across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County and place-based approaches are indispensable in addressing these.

The evidence base emphasises the importance of early years and childhood, the value of early intervention with children and young people and addressing the underlying issues that contributed to offending behaviour. Further work is needed to understand the influence of domestic violence on violence in other contexts

The focus for this research is on the experience of serious violence in communities in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County. The NNVRU is commissioning this research study to inform how we can work better with partners, using a systems approach, to reduce serious violence and commission projects and services who could reduce violence.

It was felt that Northampton demonstrated that they:

- Enthusiastically demonstrated recent and relevant experience in engagement through a variety of creative methodologies during COVID restrictions.

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- Described different group who will be engaged during the research, the settings in which they would be engaged and how they would be supported through participation.
- Were committed to co-production and shared decision-making with the VRU and partners to lead the research.
- Offer a flexible and iterative approach learning from local stakeholders as the research progresses.
- Recognized that the research was exploratory and could be empowering for participants and communities.
- Offer value for money


Our final decision to appoint Northampton University was based on them demonstrating:

- A cohesive research team that wanted to engage VRU and stakeholders to iteratively shape the research
- Had considered what the VRU wanted to do with the research findings and how they could increase understanding and in turn reduce violence..

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

MINT have conducted a robust procurement process amongst the local higher education establishments. All those with appropriate research departments were invited and bids were received from four providers. Following initial evaluation by the VRU panel, two of the bids did not meet the published quality threshold and were therefore not invited to the final interview process.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 20th October 2020

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	X
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

DECISION:

The decision is to award the contract for the research to the University of Northampton at a cost of £44,611 exc VAT.

OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been considered 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: 20/10/20

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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:

21/10/2020

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