

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Extension of non domestic stalking pilot 1 January – 30 September 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As outlined in Notice of Decision 2019.032, the PCC agreed to fund a pilot project to support victims of non domestic stalking. The pilot funded specialist stalking support delivered by Equation, Juno and Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and the development of training seminars to raise awareness of the service. It was due to run from July 2019 to December 2020.

Covid restrictions have had a severe negative impact on the number of referrals into the stalking service, which meant that it has not been possible to make a fair or well informed decision about the future of the service. Extending the pilot into 2021 will allow time for the service to develop under Covid restrictions and will ensure that the PCC can make a more informed decision about the service's future.

The PCC is requested to agree the following:

1. To extend the non domestic stalking pilot until 30 September 2020;
2. To extend his contract with Juno Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support from 1 January until 30 September 2021, providing an additional £18,750 of funding. Of this funding, £6,250 will be spent in 2020/1 and £12,500 in 2021/2;
3. To extend his contract with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support from 1 January until 30 September 2021, providing an additional £18,750 of funding. Of this funding, £6,250 will be spent in 2020/1 and £12,500 in 2021/2;
4. To put a new grant agreement in place with Equation from 1 January until 30 September 2021 to provide male stalking support and develop and deliver online non domestic stalking training provision, awarding funding of up to £6,397.60 to be spent in 2021/2.

£37,000 will be paid for out of Ministry of Justice's Victims Services Grant. £6,397.60 will be paid for out of Community Safety Grant.

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

The pilot began in July 2019, however the first three months of the pilot were for implementation, with support for police referrals only initially provided. The service launched formally on White Ribbon Day – 25 November 2019. Referrals were slow but began to increase until March 2020, when Covid restrictions meant that referrals reduced very significantly. In addition, the training seminars still had to be developed for online/remote delivery.

The negative impact of Covid on the service means that there it would not be possible to make a

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fair or well informed decision about the future of the service. Extending the pilot to 30 September 2021 enables extensive promotion of the service to sectors likely to refer into the service and time for Equation to deliver a series of online stalking briefings and seminars.

The extension will support the services to reach victims of stalking who are not currently aware of the service and allow time for a review of the pilot in April and May 2021, to feed into a decision about future commissioning by the end of June 2021.

The funding provided will add to existing funding already awarded for this service as follows:

Juno Women's Aid:

2019/0: £18,750

2020/1: £18,750

Nottinghamshire Women's Aid:

2019/0: £18,750

2020/1: £18,750

Equation:

2019/0: £4,740.18

The funding has been awarded to these organisations because:

- best practice indicates that a specialist stalking advocacy service is required to help ensure that victims and survivors are safe and supported.
- the commissioned domestic abuse providers are already attending the multi agency stalking clinics, this enables a more efficient approach, given the small size of the stalking service; and
- the initiative is a pilot which will be reviewed in 2021 to inform a future commissioning approach.

Nottinghamshire Police continues to host monthly stalking clinics to protect victims and is supportive of the pilot continuing until September 2021.

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)

This is revenue funding and is in budget.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 2nd November 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:



Date:

5/11/20

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:



Date:

6/11/2020

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