

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Re additional MARAC IDVA and admin support in Nottingham from 1 April 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2019 the PCC agreed to award a contract to Juno Women's Aid (formerly WAIS) to deliver domestic abuse support in Nottingham (Decision reference 2019.023). The contract is managed by Nottingham City Council as the lead commissioner and includes the provision of MARAC IDVA.

Since 2018, in response to high numbers of presenting high risk cases, the PCC has agreed to pay for the funding of 2 full time MARAC IDVA posts in the city. The funding for these posts has been agreed annually by the PCC. Referrals to the city MARAC remain high and have increased during the Covid pandemic. The posts are still required.

During 2020 the city's MARAC Steering Group has identified that there is a need for a small number of MARAC cases to be discussed in more detail than is possible through the standard MARAC process. The cases to be discussed have a high level of repeat referrals to MARAC. The Steering Group has suggested a year's pilot of additional in depth MARACs to discuss cases with a high level of repeats. A small administrative fee is required to co-ordinate the additional MARACs, which will be piloted during 2021. Learning about how to manage multiple repeat cases better will be captured to inform future provision.

The PCC is requested to approve the following:

1. To continue to fund the provision of two additional full time MARAC IDVAs in the city from 1 April 2020 until the contract end of March 2022, with three possible two year extensions to be confirmed at a later date. The funding will be managed through the PCC's Partnership Agreement with the City Council. The initiative will cost £78,013 per annum, to be paid for from MoJ Victim Services Grant and Community Safety Grant; and
2. To provide funding for administrative support for the pilot of additional in depth MARACs, at a cost of £194.55 in 2020-1 and £972.75 in 2021-2. This will be paid for by Community Safety Grant.

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

The number of cases presenting to MARAC in the city has continued to rise. The provider has advised that the two additional MARAC IDVA posts are still required. The PCC's Domestic Abuse Whole Systems Approach paper [draft published in September 2020] finds that the city's IDVA provision is just below Safelives recommended limits. Any loss of staff would mean that the city's

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IDVA provision would be well below Safelives recommended limits. In addition, it would likely result in the city service losing its Safelives Leading Lights quality standard.

The city's MARAC Steering Group oversees the delivery of MARACs. During 2019-20 it reported a high number of repeat referrals (177), of which 30 were referred to MARAC more than 3 times over a 12 month period. A review of repeats for the 16 July – 10 September 2020 period identified 11 case with more than 3 referrals to MARAC within 12 months. 5 of those cases were on their 4th or higher repeat referral. The pilot will be overseen by the MARAC Steering Group, and learning will capture detail about reduction in repeats, survivor engagement with services and survivors' outcomes.

Both initiatives will be covered by the existing PCC/City Council Partnership Agreement. The City Council, as the lead commissioner, will ensure the correct contractual arrangements are in place with the Juno Women's Aid.

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)

The funding is revenue and is in budget. As the cost of MARAC IDVAs do not increase year on year there are efficiency savings built in.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 19th February 2021

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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: 25/2/21

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: 26/2/21

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