

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision



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TITLE: Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme– Procurement Decisions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Nottinghamshire Police submitted a bid to the Home Office for funding to design, develop and evaluate a perpetrator programme for DV in September 2020. Funding was successfully secured from the Home Office in November 2020 initiating the development of the programme. A total of £207,307 was awarded from the Home Office to be spent on the project development until the 31st March 2021. OPCC/Nottinghamshire Police match funding (£208,834) will be used for the programme delivery between 1st April and 30th September 2021.

The programme has been initiated and is due to go live on 1st April 2021 and will run to the end of September 2021. The funding from the Home Office is tightly bounded to the delivery of a Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme (DVPP) in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This programme is called the 'Your Choice Project'.

The programme will deliver a 24-week course of group and individual sessions to perpetrators who volunteer to participate in the scheme once identified by Nottinghamshire Police and following assessment for suitability. Survivors associated with perpetrators will be supported throughout the programme and the activity will be aligned to the existing local delivery model.

The pilot will be evaluated independently and if demonstrated to be successful further funding and opportunities for sustained local delivery will be sought.

A decision is required around a number of the procurement decisions associated with this funding.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION:

The authorised total budget breakdown is shown below.

Spending Awards:

Perpetrator Interventions – set up and delivery	£194,259
Survivor Support	£40,000
Evaluation	£20,000
DVIOM Evaluation	£15,000
Nottinghamshire Police Officer Time	£125,215
Staffing Costs	£21,667
Total	£416,141

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Some of the spend will be made via direct grants to Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council using existing authorised financial arrangements. Details are as follows:

Nottingham City Council will be awarded up to £73,125

	2020/21	2021/22
To be awarded to Equation for local delivery of the Perpetrator Programme	£19,250	£27,500
To be awarded to Juno for Survivor Support	£9,625	£16,750

Nottinghamshire County Council will be awarded up to £13,625

	2020/21	2021/22
To be awarded to Nottinghamshire Women's Aid for Survivor Support	£5,375	£8,250

Direct awards are being made for the following reasons:

- The timeframe allowed by the primary funding provider (the Home Office) has not allowed for a competitive process and a primary provider with a proven track-record of delivery of perpetrator programmes was identified in the East Midlands region.
- The need to embed the pilot in safe and existing DVA support structures so that the programme can be piloted safely necessitated the direct allocation of funds to the existing local DVA providers for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

In addition a single tender award of £138,509 over the two financial years will be awarded to Freeva to lead on the delivery of the perpetrator programme alongside Equation. Freeva were chosen as they have expertise in this area, having successfully delivered in Leicester for a number of years. They work within the Duluth model of domestic abuse, which is also our approach. Given the tight timescales, Freeva were also able to respond quickly and deliver within the Home Office's tight timetable. Up to £69,260 will be available to Freeva in 2020/21 and £69,249 between April 2021 and September 2021.

An additional sum allocated to Nottinghamshire Police will be used to fund the development of a cohort of potential perpetrators and their engagement through the officer time of the Public Protection Unit and the Integrated Offender Management Unit supported by managerial oversight and analytical resources.

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 total budget breakdown is £416,141 split over the financial years £207,307 in 2020/21 and £208,834 in 2021/22. This is revenue funding.

The program manage will ensure that spend is only authorised in line with the approved budget plan.

Signature: 
Chief Finance

Date: 15th March 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information**?	No	X	Yes	
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DECISION:

The PCC to approve the procurement decisions associated with the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme (Your Choice Project) funding including direct grants to providers.

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: 16/3/21

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:
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner



Date:

17/3/21

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