

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision



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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
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TITLE:	Award of MoJ funding: 2021-2 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Uplifts and 2021-23 Additional IDVA and ISVA Funding
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has awarded Commissioner Henry new Covid Recovery funding for domestic and sexual violence support services in 2021-2, plus additional funding for specialist Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) and Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) posts to help reduce waiting lists. The funding awarded is as follows:

Funding	2021-2	2022-3 (indicative)	Total
	£	£	£
Domestic Abuse Fund	196,355	0	196,355
Sexual Violence Fund	139,533	0	139,533
Devolved Rape Support Fund	88,626	0	88,626
ISVA	244,229	303,399	547,628
IDVA	447,884	451,467	899,351
Total	1,116,627	754,866	1,871,493

The funding has been awarded to help domestic and sexual violence support services cope with additional demand as Covid restrictions are eased and more survivors come forward for help. IDVA and ISVA funding was awarded to ensure that ISVA and IDVA services are supported to tackle waiting lists and maintain appropriate caseloads.

Commissioner Henry is requested to approve the following funding awards:

1. To be paid for by MoJ Domestic Abuse Uplift Grant 2021-2:

- Up to £29,443 to Equation to pay for county wide targeted domestic abuse awareness raising campaigns and greater specialist resources including Help a Friend;
- Up to £60,000 to Juno Women's Aid to contribute towards the cost of family court support in city and county south;
- Up to £30,000 to Notts Women's Aid to contribute towards the cost of family court support in county north;
- Up to £10,000 to Broxtowe Women's Project to pay for additional capacity in Broxtowe based domestic abuse support;
- Up to £14,000 to NIDAS to contribute towards teen outreach and support work in Ashfield and Mansfield;

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- Up to £22,000 to Nottingham Muslim Women's Network to work with Juno Women's Aid to provide dedicated support for Muslim women;
- Up to £12,000 to We R Here to pay for specialist counselling for domestic abuse survivors, including adults and children
- Up to £12,000 to Nottingham Women's Centre to pay for specialist counselling for adult domestic abuse survivors;
- Up to £6,912 to Mojatu to pay for support for FGM and domestic abuse survivors.

2. To be paid for by Sexual Violence Uplift Grant 2021-2:

- Up to £87,661 to Imara CIO to pay for additional specialist therapy for children and young people who have experienced sexual violence and abuse, a Family Support Worker and the development of increased resources;
- Up to £44,272 to Notts SVS Services to pay for additional ISVA and counselling capacity within commissioned sexual violence support services
- Up to £7,500 to SHE UK to contribute towards peer support for sexual violence survivors.

3. To be paid for Devolved Rape Support Fund Uplift Grant 2021-2:

- Up to £88,626 to Notts SVS Services to pay for additional counselling support

4. To be paid for by MoJ Additional ISVA and IDVA grant 2021-2 and 2022-3*:

Provider	IDVAs	2021-2	2022-3*
Juno Women's Aid	Provision of 5 FTE additional IDVAs including dedicated posts for criminal court, BAME survivors and children and young people. The posts will work in the city and county south.	£242,102.20	£246,599.10
Nottinghamshire Women's Aid	Provision of 2.6 FTE additional IDVAs including dedicated posts for criminal court, BAME survivors and children and young people.	£105,170.00	£105,170.00
Equation	Provision of 2.82 FTE additional IDVAs to work with men across both the city and county.	£100,611.83	£99,697.72
Notts SVS Services	Provision of 4 FTE additional ISVAs, including dedicated posts for BAME survivors, LGBT survivors and older people. All posts will cover work in the city and county.	£145,353.18	£45,130.75
Imara	Provision of 3 FTE additional CHISVAs, including dedicated posts for boys and young men and BAME survivors. All posts will cover work in the city and county.	£98,875.80	£30,719.04
TOTAL		£692,113.01	£527,316.61

*2022-3 ISVA and IDVA grant is an indicative award, subject to MoJ confirming that the funding is available. In addition, indicative ISVA and CHISVA funding is for the April – June 2022 period only to align to contract timescales.

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All funding is awarded subject to providers meeting funding criteria.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

MoJ allocated the Nottinghamshire PCC additional £424k SV and DV Uplift Funding to support Covid recovery in specialist domestic abuse and sexual violence support services in 2021-2. MOJ guidance stipulated that PCCs must undertake an open and transparent assessment of need in relation to both SV and DA support services in their local area. PCCs were not required to undertake a full competitive bid process.

In addition to this funding, all PCCs were able to bid into an Independent Domestic Abuse Adviser/Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (IDVA/ISVA) fund via an Expression of Interest. The fund was to focus predominantly on increasing the number of ISVAs and IDVAs across local areas to expand service capacity in response to the pandemic.

In response to MoJ's funding requirements the NOPCC:

- produced an Expression of Interest (EoI) form based on the DA/SV Uplift Funding MOJ needs assessment template
- produced and published local Guidance Notes for all potential applicants which stated all EoIs would be assessed against stated MoJ criteria plus some additional local criteria on required quality standards and partnership working
- publicised the funding opportunity in mid February, contacting all 16 of the local DSVA services which secured MoJ Covid funding in 2020-1 and also publicising the opportunity through a local DSVA professionals network which goes to over 1,400 individuals. There was also a press release and information on the PCC's website and social media accounts.
- used all completed EoIs at the end of February to inform the PCC's own EoI to the national IDVA/ISVA fund, which had to be submitted by 3 March 2021.

The OPCC received 25 EoIs. They were assessed against the published criteria and RAG rated by a panel including two OPCC staff plus the strategic domestic abuse and sexual violence leads from Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council. The only requests received for additional IDVA and ISVA funding came from the co-commissioned support services. Therefore these were used to inform the final EoI for additional IDVA/ISVA funding which was submitted to MoJ in March. The EoI was also informed by the monthly referral and waiting list updates and the regularly Operational Pressures Escalation Levels reporting that the OPCC receives, which clearly demonstrated that additional staff were required to meet demand.

MoJ has awarded Commissioner Henry all the IDVA and ISVA funding requested and stated that the funding is to reduce waiting lists and maintain manageable caseloads.

The funding will be managed as follows:

Domestic abuse funding will be awarded through the existing PCC/local authority co-commissioned domestic abuse support contracts, which are led by Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils. This will be done under the terms of local authority/PCC partnership agreements. Nottinghamshire County Council has confirmed that it will call off the support under its existing domestic abuse framework. Nottingham City Council will confirm its approach in early June.

The PCC will award the ISVA and CHISVA funding to the commissioned ISVA and CHISVA providers. This may be done lawfully because:

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- the PCC published the funding opportunity as set out above;
- Eols from 25 organisations were assessed;
- the Covid-19 pandemic was not foreseeable;
- the PCC needs to respond immediately to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on the services. The PCC has received clear evidence of waiting lists rising, both because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on survivors and due to the worsening of delays in the court system due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- running a procurement process for the provision of additional ISVAs would create further delay in support for vulnerable people that need those services immediately and any further delay could impact their health.

Other funding awards will be managed in compliance with Commissioner Henry's Financial Regulations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The funding has been confirmed in writing to Commissioner Henry by MoJ and is in budget. 2022-3 funding has been awarded as an indicative allocation, consequently whilst where appropriate contracts will be awarded for 2021-2 and 2022-3, 2022-3 funding will be subject to further confirmation of funding from MoJ.

Signature:
Chief Finance Officer



Date:

27th May 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**

Yes

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No

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**

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** See guidance on non-public information

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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

Ken Dennis

Date:

27/5/21

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 &
Crime Commissioner**

C. Henry

Date:

27/5/21