

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	15/05/2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.051

TITLE:	Extension of Nottinghamshire's Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme (DVPP) Oct 2022 to Sept 2023
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to Decision Notices 2021.025 and 2021.083, additional Home Office funding has been confirmed for a further extension of the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme (DVPP) for the 2022-3 financial year. In addition, the PCC and partners wish to extend the programme until September 2023, in order to allow sufficient time for the independent evaluation to report and publish an Invitation to Tender if appropriate.

Provider costs have risen slightly for the programme and further funding is required for the 2022-3 financial year.

The Commissioner is requested to approve the following funding/contract awards in order to enable continued delivery of the programme:

- Up to £3,240 of additional funding for use by Notts Women's Aid (£1,747.50), Juno Women's Aid (£1,492.50) in 2022.23 to fund additional staff costs.
- Up to £136,692 from the 2023/24 budget to extend the DVPP from April 2023 to September 2023.
- Award of direct grants to Nottinghamshire County Council (£29,992.50) and Nottingham City Council (£54,727.50) for provision of survivor support using their existing authorised financial arrangements.
- Award of a contract to FreeVa from Oct 2022 to Sept 2023 at a cost of £138,504
- Award of a contract to the Equation contract from Oct 2022 to Sept 2023 at a cost of £69,258.40.

The contracts will be paid for out of Home Office DA perpetrator funding and Community Safety Grant.

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

In September 2020 the PCC submitted a successful bid to the Home Office for funding to design, develop and evaluate a perpetrator programme for DV in September 2020. The Home Office required PCC match funding for the bid to be provided. The programme began in November 2020 (see decision record 2021.025).

In September 2021 the Home Office confirmed it would provide further funding to extend the project until the end of March 2022, with the expectation that the PCC would match fund to enable the project to continue until September 2022 (see Decision Record 2021.083).

In November 2021 the PCC awarded a contract to NTU to conduct an independent evaluation of the perpetrator programme.

In March 2022 the Home Office confirmed further funding for 2022.23 which funds the programme to continue from October 2022 to March 2023.

Given further funding awarded by the Home Office, and in order to allow time for the independent evaluation to report and inform a new commissioning strategy which will need time to be implemented, the PCC has agreed to provide funding to extend the programme to September 2023.

There have been significant staffing difficulties with the programme, exacerbated by the short term nature of the funding; local shortages of trained and experience domestic abuse workers and national domestic abuse workforce difficulties. This has meant that there are additional staff costs of £8,939.

Until recently the perpetrator programme was delivered on-line because of the pandemic. However, the programme is now being phased back into face to face support and there is a need for funding for room hire to be included in provider budgets.

The breakdown of spend and procurement decisions in relation to the PCC and Home Office funding for 2022/23 and 2023/24 is as follows:

Direct Grant to Nottinghamshire County Council	£19,995 (2022/23) ** £9,997.50 (2023/24)	To be awarded to Nottinghamshire County Council, which will use its domestic abuse framework to call off support from Nottinghamshire Women's Aid
Direct Grant to Nottingham City Council	£36,485 (2022/23) ** £18,242.50 (2023/24)	To be awarded to Nottingham City Council which will use its existing domestic abuse contract arrangements to ensures support is provided by Juno Women's Aid
STA – Extension to existing contract with FreeVa	£69,252 (Sept 22-March 23) £69,252 (2023/24)	Direct award to FreeVA to lead the delivery of the perpetrator programme, working alongside Equation. A single tender award is being made in order to ensure continuity of provision during the evaluation and recommissioning period.

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STA – Extension to existing contract with equation	£32,252.80 (Sept 22- March 23) £32,252.80 (2023/24)	Direct award to Equation to deliver the perpetrator programme in partnership with FreeVa. A single tender award is being made in order to ensure continuity of provision during the evaluation and recommissioning period.
STA - Variation to existing Equation contract	An additional £4,752.80 to be added to the contract for spend between April 2022 and Sept 2022.	The additional funding is to pay for room hire for the programme. Previously all sessions were delivered on-line because of the pandemic.

** please note the 2022/23 figures replace those detailed in Decision Notice 2021.083 – they are not additional.


Legal advice has been sought in relation to the single tender awards which concluded that pursuant to the PCR 2015 the contracts could be considered to fall within the Light Touch Regime and as such the relevant thresholds have not been exceeded.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The additional up to £3,240 PCC funding for use in 2022/23 will come from the 2022/23 Community Safety Grant. This is revenue funding.

The extension of the programme from Oct 2022 to March 2023 at a cost of £136,962 will be funded via Home Office funding awarded for this specific purpose. This is revenue funding.

The extension of the programme from April 2023 to September 2023 at a cost of up to £136,962 will be funded via the PCC 2023/24 Community safety Grant. This is revenue funding.

Signature: Chief Finance Officer	
Date:	16/05/2022

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DECISION:				
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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

S. M. Coddell

Date:

16/05/2022

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**

Caroline Henry

Date:

20/05/2022