

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	16/08/2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.080

TITLE:	Nottinghamshire Victim CARE additional spend 2022/23 and contract extension/ single tender award 2023/24
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2016 the PCC commissioned Catch 22 to deliver a new victim support and victim-initiated restorative justice service now known as Nottinghamshire Victim CARE (outlined in Decision Notice 2017.004). The contract was awarded for the period of 15 November 2016 to 31 March 2020 with the potential to extend the contract for two years (1+1) from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022.

Decision Notice 2021.132 sought approval for a further 1 year extension to the Victim CARE contract from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 to allow the newly elected PCC to consult on the Police and Crime plan and work towards a full re-tender of the Victim CARE service. We are now seeking one final 6 month contract extension from 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.

The PCC is also asked to approve funding for 1 additional FTE caseworker to ease current demand on the Victim CARE service. This additional role would start ASAP and run in line with the contract extension up to 30 September 2023.

The Commissioner is therefore being asked to approve the following:

- A final 6 month extension to the Victim CARE contract from 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023 at a cost of £318,000 to be funded by 2023/24 Victims Services Grant and Community Safety Grant.
- Funding for 1 additional FTE Caseworker within Victim CARE from September 2022 to 30 September 2023 at a cost of up to £27,970 to be funded by Victim Services Grant and Community Safety Grant.

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

There are no further extension options available on the current Victim CARE contract therefore a 6 month single tender award extension is being sought. This final 6 month contract extension (April 2023 to September 2023) is requested to ensure the OPCC has time to work through the recommendations detailed in the newly completed independent needs assessment, as well as time to properly engage with partners in Probation and the Youth Offending Service for a co-commissioned approach to RJ and Victim Care services. The OPCC is currently engaged in discussions with these partners but in order to allow time to discuss and agree a co-commissioned approach an extension is required. The extension will therefore ensure that during this time there is no loss of service to victims of crime, many of which are vulnerable. Following legal advice, it has been advised that the extension is permissible pursuant to regulation (1)(b) of the PCR 2015.

Further to this, a Business Case was submitted by Catch 22 to request an additional Caseworker due to an increase in referrals and enhanced cases requiring ongoing support. This has also been picked up in quarterly contract meetings with the OPCC where data is analysed.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The funding is revenue and in budget. This is a financial commitment of £345,970 broken down as follows:

- £15,061 for additional caseworker from Sept 2022 to March 2023 (to be funded by 2022/23 Victims Services Grant and Community Safety Grant)
- £318,000 for additional 6-month extension to Victim CARE contract from April 2023 to Sept 2023 (to be funded by 2023/24 Victims Services Grant and Community Safety Grant)
- £12,909 for continuation of additional caseworker from April 2023 to Sept 2023 (to be funded by 2023/24 Victims Services Grant and Community Safety Grant)

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer


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Date:

23/08/2022

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
<p>The Commissioner is asked to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A final 6 month extension to the Victim CARE contract, via a single tender award, from 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023 at a cost of £318,000 to be funded by 2023/24 Victims Services Grant and Community Safety Grant. Funding for 1 additional FTE Caseworker within Victim CARE from September 2022 to 30 September 2023 at a cost of up to £27,970 to be funded by Victim Services Grant and Community Safety Grant. 				

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:	25/08/2022

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	
Date:	26/08/2022

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