

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
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TITLE: Evaluation of TIPP (Trauma Informed Prevention Programme)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP), within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), are the commissioners of the 'Trauma Informed Prevention Programme' in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire which started in 2019. The Trauma Informed Prevention Programme is a one-to-one and group trauma informed service for children and young people affected by witnessing weapon enabled violence and abuse to their non-abusing parent. The main aim of the programme is to reduce the trauma that the children and young people taking part have experienced as a result of witnessing violence and abuse to their non-abusing parent with a weapon.

Overall the evaluation of the programme is expected to inform the refinement of the intervention (theory of change), and will be synthesised as recommendations to inform future commissioning intentions.

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

The VRP went out to tender to procure an evaluator of this project in Autumn 2023. The opportunity was tendered with a request for proposals and specification developed in partnership with public health. There was no market interest in the project and no bids were received. There remains an important need to evaluate the impact of the intervention, to inform future commissioning decisions. As an alternative to re-tendering, this proposal is for delivery of the evaluation project directly by the Nottingham city public health team.

The proposed evaluation will analyse the monitoring data that is collected by the VRP in a plan informed by the intervention theory of changing, analysing trends for the following outcomes:

- Knowledge and ability to identify abusive behaviour/ responsibility for harm
- Reduced feelings of insecurity/ increased feelings of safety
- Controlling emotion with coping strategies and becoming independent to cope
- Improved self-esteem and confidence
- Improved emotional wellbeing and physical health
- Strengthened parent and child relationship

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- Improved family support and social networks
- Prevention of future violence perpetrator or victim
- Improved school attendance/attainment

The evaluation will seek to quantify the overarching impacts, and to set these alongside an understanding of trends in weapon use and weapon related offences, to explore whether there are any indications of attributable changes (descriptive analysis only). The unanticipated impacts of the programme will be examined through quantitative data and discussions with key informants. A costs-benefits analysis will be completed for the data points that are available. The findings will be set in the context of the evidence-base for therapeutic support to children witnessing weapon enabled domestic abuse.

Overall the findings on the impacts of the programme are expected to inform the refinement of the intervention (theory of change), and will be synthesised as recommendations to inform future commissioning intentions.

The proposed outputs will include:

- Convening a steering group of key stakeholders with meetings at appropriate intervals (start, mid-point, and to review findings)
- Provide an interim report of preliminary findings by the end of March 2024
- Develop a detailed final report, by June 2024 which includes commissioning recommendations for the NNVRP on how to take forward
- Present the findings and recommendations to local stakeholders.
- Produce an easy read summary of the findings and recommendations for stakeholders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The total cost is £10,000; £8,000 in 2023/24 and the remaining £2,000 by the end of Q2 2024/25 on completion of the final report. There is available budget within the VRP core budget under evaluation.

Signature: Chief Finance Officer	REDACTED
Date:	12.12.23

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

** See guidance on non-public information

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Approval of £10,000 for the evaluation of TIPP.

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: Deputy Monitoring officer	Mede	
Date:	19.12.23	

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:	20.12.23			