

ORIGINATOR: Stephanie Stearman

DECISION NO. 2020/

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk

SUBJECT:
RECOMMISSIONING OF SERVICES TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

SUMMARY:

Procurement Services across seven Forces including, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk and Suffolk have been collaborated to a single 7F Procurement function and was launched in January 2020.

The aims of the 7F Procurement is to use the collaborative buying power of all seven forces to obtain better value for money from contracts.

Their vision is to enable the delivery of an effective Police service and provide support for victims of crime in the eastern regions by procuring and managing a high quality, value for money supply chain.

So that this vision can be realised the OPCCN's Tender to procure services to support Victims of Domestic Abuse had to be cancelled and relaunched.

This Decision Notice takes into consideration the delay in launching of the new Procurement Tender and impact on four providers who had to have services that had been previously extended to be extended by an additional one-month to avoid gap in provision for Victims of Domestic Abuse.

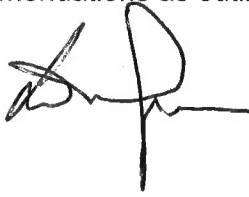
RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk supports the allocation of funding extension to cover the period of 1st August -31st August 2020 for the following organisations:

- Leeway Domestic Abuse and Violence Services
- Pandora Project
- Daisy Programme
- South Norfolk Early Help Hub – DA Worker

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk – Lorne Green

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature

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Date 12/03/2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 In the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020, he identified supporting victims and reducing vulnerability as one of his seven strategic aims. Work has been ongoing to support this strategic aim and ensure that provision of high-quality services are available to victims of domestic abuse.
- 1.2 To enable the introduction of the new 7Force Collaboration Procurement Processes in January 2020, the existing domestic abuse tender that was running was cancelled and then relaunched. This process therefore delayed the bidding/ awarding/ mobilisation for the commissioning of new services to support victims of Domestic Abuse by one month.
- 1.3 So that victims of Domestic Abuse received continuity in existing services the decision was made to extend the four grants by one month to ensure there was not break in services.
- 1.4 This Decision Notice covers the impact of the 7Force relaunch of a new tender to ensure there is extended provision over the period of 1st August 2020-31st August 2020.
- 1.5 A copy of the Grant Variations for each provider is attached with this document.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Daisy Programme, Leeway Domestic Abuse and Violence Services, the Pandora Project and South Norfolk Early Help Hub DA Worker are currently commissioned by the OPCCN to deliver services that either support victims of Domestic Abuse or support the development of providers who support victims of Domestic Abuse and that this provision continue for the extended period of 1st August 2020-31st August 2020.
- 2.2 To do this, an award of £57,227 has been agreed by the Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk to enable provision and avoid gaps in service.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 Existing provision of services for victims of domestic abuse be continued to avoid gaps in provision.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 Not to provide funding – this would leave victims of domestic abuse with gaps in service provision under the arrangements currently commissioned by the OPCCN.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 Delivery of services which support standard and medium risk clients including children/young people and adults are delivered in accordance with the following national and local plans/strategies and practices:

- Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020

- The National Practice for Victims of Crime (brought in 16th November 2015 by the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Victim's Code of Practice) Order 2015/1817
- The Victim's Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime.
- Home Office – Violence against Women and Girls Strategy

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Additional costs to cover the period 1st August 2020-31st August 2020 are as follows:

ORGANISATION	FUNDING AMOUNT
Leeway Domestic Abuse and Violence Services	£47,277
Pandora Project	£7,083
Daisy Programme	£1,667
South Norfolk Early Help Hub – DA Worker	£1,200
TOTAL	£57,227

6.2 This award of this grant mitigates the risk of greatly reduced services for victims of domestic abuse (adults, children and young people) to the most vulnerable of victims.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

7.1 There are no risks flowing from the consideration of this report

7.3 The monitoring arrangements of these awards for an extended time of one month will be monitored as stated with each recipients Grant Agreement. Should there be any risk to the services being delivered then the grant recipients are required to notify the PCC immediately.

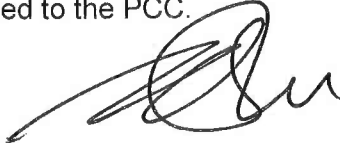
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	NO
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date 10.3.2020

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) ~~there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision;~~
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
OR
- c) ~~the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves~~
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 4.3.2020

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