

ORIGINATOR: Libby Avery

DECISION NO. 2020/

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk

SUBJECT: South Norfolk District Council
South Norfolk Early Help Hub Domestic Abuse Worker

SUMMARY:

The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:

- 1) Secure or contribute to securing, crime and disorder in Norfolk
- 2) Are intended to help/support victims or witnesses of (including family or those affected) crime.

This service will be co-commissioned by South Norfolk District Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. South Norfolk District Council will lead the commissioning of this post/service.

This decision notice recommends that the PCC approves a grant variation for a short-term period of four months to the value of £6666.00 to support victims of domestic abuse in the district of South Norfolk.

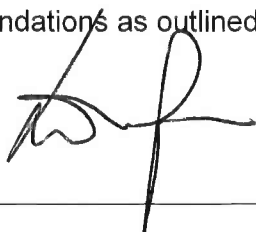
RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC for Norfolk support the extension of funding to the South Norfolk District Council to deliver domestic abuse support services in South Norfolk.

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

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature



Date

12/03/2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 In the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2016 he had 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 is of high-quality services are available to victims of domestic abuse.
- 1.2 The Domestic Abuse Worker is located within the Early Help Hub at South Norfolk District Council. The provision of service is aimed at victims/survivors of domestic abuse including children and young people that are not considered high risk. The extension of current service provision in the short term is considered essential.
- 1.3 The nature of this specialist support, available following referral from other agencies within the Early Help Hub including both statutory, non-statutory agencies and other acute service providers or by self-referral and is an essential intervention for those vulnerable victims who have taken the step to disclose domestic abuse.
- 1.4 The Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner has been providing funding from the OPCCN Commissioning Budget for the jointly commissioned Domestic Abuse Worker, for the delivery of early intervention initiatives for domestic abuse services since 2016 initially through local application under the PCC's Early Intervention Fund.
- 1.5 Having been delivering service to those victims of domestic abuse who are able to seek help to cope and recover, and who are not judged to be at a high risk of harm. Many cases have been referred into the Early Help Hub with other concerns and not initially domestic abuse. This service supports these domestic abuse cases before they escalate to crisis.
- 1.6 The proposed Grant will contribute to the Police and Crime Plan by funding cores service costs to support the provision of specialist support to victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- 1.7 The service will operate across South Norfolk District Council footprint by specially trained staff who will provide support to adults and their children

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk receives devolved funding from the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning of Victim's Support Services (including restorative justice services)
- 2.2 Under a Grant Agreement between the Secretary of State for Justice the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, Grant Funding is to provide 'support services' which have the purpose of helping victims of crime or, as the case may be, family members, cope with the impacts of crime and as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced.
- 2.3 The Grant Agreement is paid to the Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk in exercise of the power conferred by the Secretary of State for Norfolk by Section 56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

2.4 Although this devolved funding supports all victims of crime, a high proportion is used for specialist services for Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse. However, demand outstrips the Ministry of Justice devolved Victims' Services budget and additional funding from the core commissioning budget is utilised to support additional specialist provision under which this Grant is awarded.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

3.1 As a service operation in operating specialist domestic abuse support services to adults, children and young people in the South Norfolk District of the County, the project is required to:

- a. To administer the delivery of an Early Help Domestic Abuse (EHDA) Service operating from the South Norfolk Early Help Hub and in partnership with Early Help partner organisations
- b. Maintain the staffing of 1 FTE (raising to 1.5FTE subject to additional match funding) Early Help Domestic Abuse (EHDA) Worker. EHDA worker posts will be employed through a partnership with the existing third sector provider responsible for the delivery of domestic abuse refuge and outreach services in the South Norfolk district area
- c. Provide early support and interventions to individuals and families experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse to maintain safety and wellbeing.

3.2 For cases that cannot work with the Domestic Abuse Worker within the Early Help Hun these are referred or are escalated to other services

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

4.1 Not to provide funding – this would leave victims/survivors in service without support and put at risk and victims/survivors who wish to seek support without service in the district of South Norfolk for standard and medium risk support. This option was rejected.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

5.1 Not to provide funding – this would leave victims/survivors in service without support and put at risk and victims/survivors who wish to seek support without service in the district of South Norfolk for standard and medium risk support. This option was rejected.

6. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

6.1 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

7. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 Additional costs to cover the period 1st April 2020 – 31st July 2020 are as follows:

FINANCIAL YEAR BREAKDOWN	2020/21
Grant Amount	£6666.00

7.2 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 in the District of South Norfolk.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

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

8.2 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.

8.3 An assessment of risk of delivery of the Domestic Abuse Worker and the service provided has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought the grant recipient's history of delivery through the Early Intervention Fund and their ability to deliver as well as impact on clients supported by the Domestic Abuse Worker.

8.3 The monitoring arrangements of this grant offer are highlighted within the Grant Variation attached to this Decision Notice. The monitoring arrangements outlined in the conditions of the variation of this award reflect the fact that the Domestic Abuse Worker through the South Norfolk Early Help Hub have proven service delivery over a period of years and have previously delivered satisfactory monitoring reports to the PCC. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered then the grant recipient is required to notify the PCC immediately

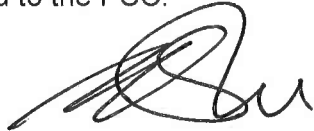
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	NO
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have 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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