

ORIGINATOR: Stephanie Stearman –
Commissioning Manager

DECISION NO. 10/2021

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Lorne Green – Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk

SUBJECT: One to One Project – Specialist Counselling for Victims of Sexual Abuse/Violence/Rape and Historic Cases of Child Sexual Abuse in the Districts of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and North Norfolk.

SUMMARY: The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk is committed to expanding the level of provision available to support victims of sexual violence and has a long term ambition to ensure that services are available and accessible across the County at different times of the day.

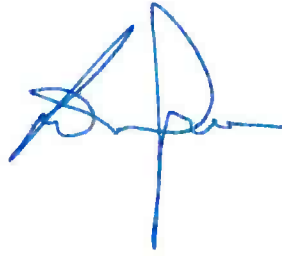
As part of a strategy that includes funding to existing service providers in the county to maintain and enhance the services they provide, the OPCC has worked with the One to One Project to provide a specialist sexual violence support in the districts of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, and North Norfolk, where there is currently a gap in local specialist provision as identified through the OPCC's sexual violence service needs assessment.

The OPCC is funding the service for a period of two years and at the end of period will reviews both the delivery model and impact of the service for users

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk approves the award of this two year grant.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.



Signature:

Date: 2 March 2021

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

1.1 This grant is for a new service within the North Norfolk District and Kings Lynn and Borough of West Norfolk and delivered by the One to One Project in response to demand for services to support victims of SA/SV/CSA and HCSA.

a. The service will provide support for women, men and those identifying as male or female, young people (boys and girls) aged 12 years and over who have been victims of sexual abuse/violence/rape and/or current/historic child sexual abuse.

b. The service will be free of charge, confidential, non-discriminatory and accessible to residents in North Norfolk and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk where the One to One Project has premises and support.

1.4 The service will also support the need to:

- Respond to a gap and lack of services in the North Norfolk and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk
- Make the service accessible locally to victims
- Build resilience within the market
- Provide additional capacity and capability

1.5 Support strategic objectives as set out within the Police and Crime Plan

1.6 Support responsibilities as devolved under the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund

2. BACKGROUND:

2.1 Demand for services that support victims of SA/SV/CSA and especially HCSA have risen sharply over the last four years. This has been influenced by a number of factors such as:

- High profile cases of Child Sexual Abuse, such as the Jimmy Saville case through Op Yewtree in 2014/15 – which has continued through the media - Child Sexual Abuse (male) in Football, High-profile media stories (for example, Harvey Weinstein, #MeToo and TV dramas such as 'Three Girls') These high-profile cases/inquiries have generated extensive awareness.
 - the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) set up to examine how the country's institutions handled their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse
 - Increased referrals from other agencies within the county.
 - Police Forces improving their response to investigations and safeguarding and vulnerability
 - National Campaigns such as #MeToo Movement increasing awareness of sexual assault
 - Survivors having confidence to report to either the police or a specialist support agency with the knowledge that they will be believed and not judged
- 2.2 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk is lead commissioner for services for victims of crime and during 2019 went out to market through an open and transparent tender process to commission a 'specialist provider' or consortium of providers to deliver a county-wide support service for victims of sexual abuse/violence/ CSA/HCSA.
- 2.3 After completion of the open tender process, the OPCCN was unable to secure a provider or consortium of providers to deliver this service as laid out within the specification.
- 2.4 The OPCCN carried out a review post tender reviewing victim need and including the county the need to:
- develop the market
 - build resilience, capacity and capability within the sector
 - improve accessibility of local services
 - increase specialist provision for victims of sexual violence
- 2.5 Following this review it was highlighted that there were three districts within Norfolk where the requirements listed above (in 2.4) were needed. These were:
- Breckland
 - North Norfolk
 - West Norfolk

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 To increase capacity of service provision where demand exceeds capacity
- 3.2 Increase accessibility of service in rural areas, where lack of transportation options and services are available
- 3.3 To develop services and build capability

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 Not to fund this pilot– this option has been rejected based on evidence of need that additional capacity and accessibility for services is required to support victims of sexual abuse/violence in the North Norfolk and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Districts.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set Police and Crime Objectives through a Police and Crime Plan. This Police and Crime Plan can be found on the PCC's website and outlines the core principals covering the incumbents PCC's term.
- 5.2 Quality standards that will be supported as set out in the following documents:
 - The Victims Code,
 - European Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council 25 October 2012
 - HM Government's 'Ending Violence against Women and Girls Strategy' (VAWG Strategy)
 - NICE Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng76>), which makes recommendations for a range of therapeutic interventions for children, young people and families after sexual abuse
 - The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) Ethical Framework (<https://www.bacp.co.uk/about-us/about-bacp/>). The counsellor recruited for the SV pilot will be accredited with the BACP or UKCP with the relevant competency levels in place to support this group of clients (this includes highly complex cases and those who have experienced historic childhood sexual abuse).

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 This Grant is to fund a two-year specialist service and will commence 1st April 2021-31st March 2023 subject to terms and conditions within the Grant Agreement being adhered to.
- 6.2 The total of this award over the two-year pilot period is £167,338 which runs over two financial years as follows:

Financial Year Breakdown	2021/22	2022/23
Grant Amount	£83,669	£83,669

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 7.1 There are no major implications or risks with this decision paper.
- 7.2 The OPCCN has assessed the eligibility of the One to One Project and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	n/a
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

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

NO

If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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.

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Signature:

Date: 2 March 2021

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: 2 March 2021

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