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**DECISION NO. 19 /2021**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision**

**SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk – Lorne Green**

**SUBJECT: Continuation Funding for Domestic Abuse Support Services – 1 April 2021 to 3 January 2022**

**SUMMARY:**

This Decision Notice seeks approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk to award continuation funding to existing support services that are either grant funded or have a contract with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) to deliver specialist services to victims of domestic abuse from 1 April 2021 to 3 January 2022.

This will be funded through the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund and the main OPCCN Commissioning Budget.

The extension of services is required so that there are no gaps in service provision to this vulnerable group through the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic and to bridge the gap to the provision of the new County Domestic Abuse Service, which is scheduled to commence in January 2022.

This Decision Notice sets out the extensions that have been awarded and the extension period.

The funding will support victims/survivors of domestic abuse by working with specialist agencies within Norfolk, where need has been evidenced by a variety of sources including statutory and non-statutory organisations. This funding covers the period from 1 April 2021 to 3 January 2022.

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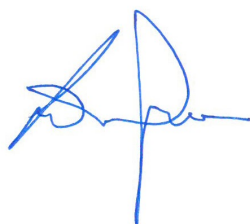
**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk approves the extension of Grants/Contract set out below using the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund and OPCCN Commissioning budget to support specialist organisations delivering domestic abuse services to victims in Norfolk.

**OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC**

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature:**

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**Date: 27/03/2021**

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

- 1.1 To extend the funding period for specialist domestic abuse services that hold grants/contract with the OPCCN to ensure there are no gaps in service provision from the 1 April 2021 - 3 January 2022.

### **2. BACKGROUND:**

- 2.1 Police and Crime Commissioners under the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund have a responsibility to provide victims services. This includes specialist domestic abuse services which cover standard, medium and high risk.
- 2.2 The Daisy Programme, Leeway Domestic Abuse and Violence Services, the Pandora Project and the South Norfolk Early Help Hub Domestic Abuse Worker are currently commissioned by the OPCCN to deliver services that support victims of domestic abuse. It is essential that this provision is continued through the Covid-19 Pandemic and whilst restrictions are lifted and that provision dovetails seamlessly into a new countywide domestic abuse service that is due to commence late autumn 2021.

### **3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 3.1 This extension of service is from 1 April 2021 to 3 January 2022 to ensure there is no gap in provision for victims of domestic abuse and there is provision for standard, medium and high risk services across all districts.
- 3.2 The exception to this is the district of Norwich whereby the Norwich CONNECT service is providing medium risk domestic abuse support, which has been commissioned independently by Safelives.

### **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

- 4.1 Not to provide funding – this would leave victims/survivors in service or those who would need service without support and put at risk. This option was rejected.

### **5 STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:**

- 5.1 The primary statutory legislation that drives the commissioning of domestic abuse services across the Local Authoring and Police force are:
  - Crime and Disorder Act 1988
  - Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004
  - Children's Act 1989 and 2004
  - Health and Social Care Act 2012
  - Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012
  - Equality Act 2010

- Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime
- Any future amendments or additions to existing legislation during the life of the contract

5.2 In addition to the above primary legislation the following strategic aims and objectives are supported:

- Police and Crime Commissioners responsibility under the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime
- Police and Crime Plan
- Home Office strategy to end violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Norfolk's County Community Safety Partnership – Priority – tackles abuse and sexual violence

## 6 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Eligible spend is from 1 April 2021 to 3 January 2022. Any spend that organisations commit to beyond the 3 January 2022 must be met through their own funds.

6.3 From this allocation the following projects were reviewed by the PCC and signed off.

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
<b>Leeway Domestic Abuse &amp; Violence Services</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk IDVA Service x 12 FTE + 1 PTE Administration Post</li> </ul>	£430,230
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x FTE Domestic Abuse Workers – Great Yarmouth</li> </ul>	£53,924
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x FTE Domestic Abuse Worker – Broadland District</li> </ul>	£26,918
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x FTE Advice and Support Worker</li> </ul>	£20,892
<b>Pandora Project</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core service funding to support Kings Lynn and West Norfolk</li> </ul>	£74,250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 x FTE Domestic Abuse Worker North Norfolk</li> </ul>	£30,818
<b>Daisy Programme</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x FTE Standard/Medium Risk Support Worker</li> </ul>	Up to £30,000
<b>South Norfolk District Council</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 XFTE Standard/Medium Risk Support Worker – partner contribution</li> </ul>	£15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£682,032</b>

- 6.4 The funding is in the form of a one-off grant/contract variation. There are no further obligations on the part of the MoJ or PCC.
- 6.5 The OPCCN will need to inform the MoJ of any underspend that they are forecasting.
- 6.6 Organisations will be provided with a Grant Variation or Contract Extension and this will also reflect the MoJ's requirements and own monitoring arrangements. Recipients will be required to provide data and information to enable the OPCCN to report outcomes to the MoJ twice during the financial year 2021/22.

## 7 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

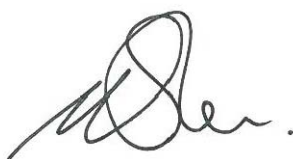
- 7.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with the decision paper.
- 7.2 In line with usual government grants, PCCs must ensure that organisations **do not** use the funding for any of the following activities:
- campaigning activities (this fund is to support the delivery of direct services for vulnerable people);
  - religious activities outside of projects benefiting the wider community and not containing religious content;
  - political or lobbying activities;
  - loan repayments; or
  - activities that make profit for private gain
- 7.4 All organisations awarded funding will need to comply with the OPCCN Governance 'Check List' that will be provided with offers of Grants if this has not been completed in advance.
- 7.6 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, each organisation is required to notify the OPCCN as per the conditions of the award.

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
<p data-bbox="188 1424 770 1458"><b>Is this report a Confidential Decision?</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input data-bbox="1050 1440 1171 1509" type="checkbox"/> <input data-bbox="1244 1440 1366 1509" type="checkbox" value="NO"/> </div> <p data-bbox="188 1534 1417 1568">If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the <a href="#">PCC Decision Making Policy</a></p>	

**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: 27/03/2021**

**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: 27/03/2021**

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