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DECISION NO. 44 /2021

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Framework for Women in the Criminal Justice System

SUMMARY:

In 2020, Norfolk's strategy Group for Women in the Criminal Justice System was established to further progress governments strategic objectives.

This Strategy Group is responsible for the oversight and implementation of Norfolk's evidence-based female offender strategy and associated delivery plan.

The group brings together criminal justice agencies and key stakeholders to provide expert advice and challenge.

The Strategy Group is chaired by The OPCCN's, Head of Prevention and Rehabilitation and the Eastern Region, National Probation Service's, Strategic Lead for Women, with the vision to see:

- fewer women coming into the criminal justice system;
- fewer women in custody, especially on short-term sentences, and a greater proportion of women managed in the community successfully;
- improved provision of through the gate services for those in custody.

The National Female Offender team has developed a "Women in the CJS Local Data Tool".

Norfolk's group has identified some generic issues about existing reporting mechanisms, including data gaps.

A total of £4,980.00 will be provided to Get the Data to develop and populate in partnership a localised framework. This data will be invaluable in informing future commissioning intentions.

Get the Data provides Social Impact Analytics to enable organisations to demonstrate their impact on society. Their approach to measurement and evaluation is underpinned by robust methods, rigorous analyses, and data collection.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC for Norfolk supports the allocation of funding to Get the Data as the outcome will inform future OPCCN Commissioning Intentions.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC/CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature



Date: 02/11/2021

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

To approve funding to enable the development of a framework tool and interrogation of local data pertaining to women in the criminal justice system which will inform future OPCCN commissioning intentions.

2. BACKGROUND:

Norfolk's Women in the Criminal Justice System strategy group has identified some generic issues about existing reporting mechanisms of the National Female Offender Strategy, for example:

- **Data gaps** – The data provides most of what you'd want to monitor progress against, but there are some gaps (e.g. around police custody and police-led diversion).
- **Transparency of the data** – all data should be made available in a format that allows ease of analysis. The strategy group has agreed to this principle.

To this end, Norfolk's strategy group has made recommendations that the following data is collected and interrogated in order to address data gaps and inform future commissioning intentions:

Early Intervention

- The criminogenic and responsivity needs of women in the community and custody
- Arrests – what other police data could be utilised – like the use of re-arrest, police custody or cautions?
- Out of Court Disposals (e.g. Cautions and PNDs)
- Prosecutions and court outcomes
- Liaison and Diversion – are there other aspects of diversion that could be measured, such as pre or post arrest diversion?

Community Solutions

- Community Sentence Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders, and associated treatment requirements
- Pre-Sentence Reports – what data on PSRs?
- Remand, including reasons i.e. for own safety
- Safety in the community – comparable to custodial data (e.g. self – inflicted deaths, drug related deaths in the community under probation supervision)
- Re-offending as a result of community orders (comparable to custodial data)
- Compliance/breach rates?

Custody

- Custodial sentences, including details on length
- Prison population
- Safety in custody
- Discipline in custody
- Family ties and mothers in custody
- Resettlement – what outcomes in relation to resettlement, including recall
- Reoffending

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

This new funding will enable the Strategic Group to further the aims and objectives of the National Female Offenders Whole System Approach by:

- agreeing, developing and promoting an evidence-based Norfolk female offender strategy and associated delivery plan
- supporting the implementation of a National Concordat on Female Offenders, across Norfolk
- promoting a problem-solving approach to female offenders and those at risk of entering the justice system
- supporting and developing multi-agency analytical products which can identify and contribute towards service delivery and response
- supporting and contributing towards an evidence base for future multi-agency funding opportunities relating to female offending matters

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not funding– this option has been rejected due to the need for data gaps to be addressed to inform OPCCN future commissioning intentions.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

This project supports the PCC's strategic aim of reducing offending.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Get the Data has been awarded a total of £4,980.00.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

None.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	N
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Y
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Y
Have human resource implications been considered?	Y
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Y
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Y
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Y
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Y
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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: 02/11/2021

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: 02/11/2021

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