

**ORIGINATOR: Tabatha Breame**

**DECISION NO. 06 /2022**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision**

**SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**

**SUBJECT: Extension of Grant for:**  
Spurgeons – Childrens' Charity to deliver:  
Norwich Connect

**SUMMARY:**

Norfolk Beacon site is part of an innovative partnership between the National Domestic Abuse Charity; Safelives and other local statutory partners, including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Norfolk (OPCCN).

As part of this Beacon Site, a pilot project; Norwich Connect was created to test innovate approaches to domestic abuse. The pilot began in 2018 and was due to run for 3 years.

Spurgeons delivered the Norwich Connect service to offer whole family domestic abuse support:

- Victims who were deemed to be at medium risk of harm
- support for victims who are seen to have complex needs
- Support for people who want to stay with the perpetrator
- Support for children through age appropriate interventions
- Support for perpetrators (where appropriate)
- Training and upskilling professionals in Norfolk to be able to recognise domestic abuse and to know how to respond.

Norwich Connect pilot was due to come to end in June 2021 and no further funding was secured to continue the service. During exit planning of the service, there was a volume of people still in service who required on going support. Other domestic

abuse service providers in Norfolk were unable to offer support to Connect clients due to:

- Services were at their capacity
- There were no 'like for like' services in Norfolk for Connect clients to transition into to safely continue their support.

To ensure the continuous safety for victims in service, some of the existing funding partners, agreed to continue to fund the service until the new OPCCN led, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS) was operational in January 2022. The extension would allow for a planned exit strategy to ensure any Norwich Connect clients could safely exit the service.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the PCC for Norfolk agrees to the funding extension from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 for the amount of £18,000

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

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

Signature



Date: 14/02/2022

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

1.1 To provide an extension of funding to extend the service.

### **2. BACKGROUND:**

2.1 In 2016 the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership, supported locally by four main funding partners, agreed to become a 'Safelives Beacon site' and implement and test new approaches to addressing the gaps in UK's response to domestic abuse.

2.2 The project was evaluated by University of Central Lancashire as part of the overall Beacon site. The learning from this pilot has assisted in shaping the new OPCCN led domestic abuse service; Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS).

2.3 The project pilot came to an end June 2021 as Safelives were unable to secure further funding.

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

3.1 The funding partners who have agreed to fund this extension are Norwich City Council, Public Health, Childrens Services and Adults Services. Childrens Services have agreed to take responsibility for the commissioning of the extension of Norwich Connect on behalf of the funders and will be managing the Connect Board from 31<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

3.2 There is an understanding the services which were offered during the pilot of the project will be 'slimmed down' during the time of the extension. This will be part of the strategic, safe exit planning created and executed by Spurgeons which is agreed and monitored by the Connect Board.

### **4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

4.1 To not fund the extension of the pilot. This option was rejected by the partners as this would leave victims/survivors with a gap in service provision.

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

5.1 Although Norfolk County Council (Childrens Services) are the lead commissioners for Norwich Connect, the overarching strategy aims are to victim services and are underpinned by statutory legislation that drives commissioning of victims' services across the Local Authority and Police Force areas are:

- The primary statutory legislation that drives the commissioning of victim's services across Local Authority and Police Force areas are:
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012
- Equality Act 2010
- Directive of 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime
- DA Act (2021)
- VAWG Strategy (2021)

## **6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 The overall budget for Norwich Connect pilot (2017-2021) was £832, 998. The overall contribution from the OPCCN was: £133,784.

6.2 The original commitment to fund this pilot was set out in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-20 and integrated commissioning strategy and the costs were contained within the OPCCN Commissioning budget.

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

7.1 None arising from the report

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	<b>No</b>
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	<b>Yes</b>
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	<b>Yes</b>
Have human resource implications been considered?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	<b>Yes</b>
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	<b>Yes</b>
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	<b>Yes</b>
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	<b>Yes</b>
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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: 14/02/22**

**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: 14/02/22**

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