

ORIGINATOR: Tabatha Breame

DECISION NO. 25 /2022

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Children's Services – Norfolk County Council

SUMMARY:

An initial joint project with Norfolk County Council, Children's Service and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Norfolk (OPCCN) has been running successfully since its introduction on 01.06.2015.

This service now provides 1.5 specialists; Domestic Abuse Co-ordinators to work across the seven districts (City, Broadland, South Norfolk, Breckland; King's Lynn and West Norfolk; Great Yarmouth, North Norfolk). The co-ordinators align their activity in support of the early help hubs, providing expert advice and support for multi-agency practitioners.

The primary focus of their work has been the delivery of a network of domestic abuse champions, approx. 2000 are now established within several public sector agencies located in Norfolk including hospitals. The coordinators continue to undertake the identification and training of these volunteer champions who will in turn provide first contact and response to victims and concerned third parties of domestic abuse.

Since this time, the service has been successful in training approx. 2000 professionals to become Domestic Abuse Change Champions across Norfolk.

The Champion network is to transfer into the OPCCN led commissioned service; NIDAS, on 3rd January 2022.

To offer a the agreed OPCCN partner contribution to Children's Services, to continue to support this work from 1st April 2021 to 2nd January 2022 will enable to work to continue up until the planned transfer into NIDAS.

The value of this award is £18,767

Breakdown of award per financial year:

1st April 2021-2nd January 2022 for total amount: £18,767

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police and Crime Commissioner supports the delivery of this project to be delivered and managed by Norfolk County Council, Children's Services as Lead Commissioner.

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

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature



Date: 14/04/2022

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

1.1 The County's approach to tackling domestic abuse has identified the need for improved access to support pathways and early advice and intervention. To be effective in this area it is necessary to involve the general public in this societal issue, domestic abuse being present within all areas of society.

1.2 The purpose of this grant is to provide a contribution to maintain 1.5 staff to provide the service and to prepare for the network to transfer to NIDAS.

2. BACKGROUND:

2.1 Employment and management of the domestic abuse co-ordinators is being undertaken by Norfolk County Council, Children's Service. The coordinators have been locality based and have been operating across the county of Norfolk since 01.06.2015.

2.2 Since the outbreak of Covid 19 and the subsequent restrictions, the coordinators have developed a more agile way of working and provided their services virtually. This enabled the coordinators to have a County wide perspective rather than concentrating on their respective allocated districts.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

3.1 Failure to fund this post jointly with Norfolk County Council Children's Services will result in a degradation of service at a crucial time of the project whilst planning is needed to prepare for a seamless transition into NIDAS.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

4.1 Not to jointly fund this post would risk the service not transitioning into NIDAS

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

5.1 Although Norfolk County Council (Childrens Services) are the lead commissioners, the over arching 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)
- Victims Code (2021)

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Financial implications laid out within the Grant Agreement with funding period commencing 1st April 2021 – 2nd January 2022. The Grant Value is £18,767

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

7.1 None arising from the report.

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="204 1424 786 1458">Is this report a Confidential Decision?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input data-bbox="1066 1442 1187 1509" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" data-bbox="1259 1442 1380 1509" type="checkbox"/> </div> <p data-bbox="204 1536 1430 1570">If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the PCC Decision Making Policy</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: 14/04/2022

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: 14/04/2022

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