

**ORIGINATOR: Stephanie Stearman**

**DECISION NO. 45 /2022**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision**

**SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk  
Mr Giles Open-Smellie**

**SUBJECT: SUE LAMBERT TRUST – SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL  
ABUSE AND HISTORIC SEXUAL ABUSE**

**SUMMARY:**

To provide funding for the Sue Lambert Trust to provide specialist support for women, men and children aged 11+ (boys and girls) who have been victims of sexual abuse/violence/child sexual abuse, both recent and historic, recognising that the Trust will provide domestic abuse (DA) therapeutic services to victims if on presentation sexual violence is not involved.

The Funding Period is from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

The Grant shall not be more than £180K per annum (subject to service delivery and adherence to the Grant Terms and Conditions) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Police and Crime Commissioner awards Grant Funding of up to £360,000 over two financial years as per Grant Agreement to the Sue Lambert Trust to deliver support services to victims of Sexual Abuse/Historic Cases of Child Sexual Abuse to victims aged 11 years and over.

**OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC**

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature:** 

**Date: 02/09/2022**

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

- 1.1 This grant is to provide specialist support for women, men and children aged 11+ (boys and girls) who have been victims of sexual abuse/violence/child sexual abuse, both recent and historic and recognising that the Trust will provide domestic abuse (DA) therapeutic services to victims if on presentation sexual violence is not involved. It is acknowledged that the Sue Lambert Trust also support victims of domestic abuse.
- 1.2 Service delivery will reflect and be sensitive to the needs of different demographic groups in Norfolk and comprise a variety of methods, including telephone, face-to-face and digital to provide:
  - grounding/emergency support
  - practical and emotional support
  - counselling – both short and long term
  - group work
  - step down support
  - information/signposting/referrals to other agencies

### **2. BACKGROUND:**

- 2.1 The Government is committed to ensuring that victims of crime, including bereaved family members have access to a broad range of support services, to help them cope with and, as far as possible, recover from the effects of crime.
- 2.2 The MoJ annually award the Victims Fund to all PCC areas as part of this devolved funding the PCC shall provide or commission dedicated emotional and practical support services for victims of crime (as defined in Article 2(1)(a) of the Victims' Directive, that is, including bereaved family members) to help them cope and, as far as possible recover from the effects of crime.
- 2.3 Core services will include:
  - victims of sexual violence, victims of domestic abuse and victims of CSA
- 2.4 This grant is made to the Sue Lambert Trust to support victims of sexual violence to men, women and children aged 11 Year and above and adults with historic cases of child sexual abuse.

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

- 3.1 To sustain capacity of specialist service provision to victims of sexual abuse.
- 3.2 To provide specialist support services in the districts of Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk.

3.3 To develop services and build capability

3.4 The services offered must:

- be free of charge,
- include victims from all protected characteristics groups,
- be respectful, sensitive
- tailored to meet the individual needs of the victim
- will work within and integrate with the existing network of providers/provision to provide a pro-active service to victims of sexual violence/abuse, as well as those who deliver DA services

3.5 The service must comply with:

- NICE Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect
- The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) Ethical Framework (<https://www.bacp.co.uk/about-us/about-bacp/>)

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

4.1 None as failure to fund the Trust would leave a significant safeguarding risk to clients in service and those attempting to engage with the service as a new client.

4.2 The OPCCN will be reviewing services that support victims of sexual violence/rape/historic cases of childhood sexual abuse. It is anticipated that the review will be completed in readiness for an Invitation To Tender (ITT) to go out to market within the next two years.

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

5.1 The primary statutory legislation that drives the commissioning of domestic abuse service across the Local Authority and Police force areas are:

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004
- Children Act 1989 & 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 Directive 2012/29/EU

- Code of Practice for Victims of Crime –MoJ Victims Code 2020
- Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy
- Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – July 2021
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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

- 6.1 This Grant will be awarded and fall under the MoJ Victims' Fund terms and conditions and funding stream.
- 6.2 The Trust will be granted the sum up to £180,000 per annum from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022-31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 subject to terms and conditions being met within the Grant Agreement.

**7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

- 7.1 There are no foreseen major implications or risks associated with this decision notice.

<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>

**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.

**Signature:**



**Date: 02/09/2022**

**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: 02/09/2022

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