

**ORIGINATOR:** Stephanie Stearman

**DECISION NO.** 50 /2022

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION:** For Decision

**SUBMITTED TO:** The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk  
Giles Orpen-Smellie

**SUBJECT:** Fresh Start New Beginnings – Extension of Grant to address the current waiting list and provide specialist support for 12 Children and their families Aged 11-18 yrs who have experienced/victims of Child Sexual Abuse in Norfolk.

**SUMMARY:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) announced additional funding to support victims of survivors of domestic abuse (DA) and sexual violence (SV), this was through the annual MoJ Victims' Fund, a National ISVA and IDVA fund through Expressions of Interest and (to be announced) a 'Critical Support Fund' and a one-year uplift for Victims Services.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Services reviewed gaps in provision for children who were victims/in a household where domestic abuse was prevalent and/or were victims of child sexual abuse. Based on this evidence a Grant was issued to Fresh Start New Beginnings to support children aged 11-18 years who were victims of child sexual abuse. This grant complemented the support in place commissioned by the Great Yarmouth & Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group who are lead commissioner for commissioning support for children who have been sexually abused between 0-11yrs.

The Police and Crime Commissioner granted one year's funding (under the MoJ one-year uplift) to Fresh Start New Beginnings as a pilot. Outcomes and need from this one-year pilot demonstrate that there was a definite gap in provision and this Decision Notice is to seek agreement by the PCC to continue to fund Fresh Start for a further year, with a possible one-year extension subject to terms and conditions being adhered to within the Grant Agreement.

The Ministry of Justice recently have confirmed a one off 'uplift' to all PCC's that has to be utilised by the end of the 22/23 Financial Year.

As part of Norfolk's Response under the MoJ's Victims Grant, specifically victims of child sexual abuse, this Decision Notice seek approval from the PCC to award Fresh Start New Beginnings the sum of £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) to reduce the current waiting list for children affected by sexual abuse.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk approves the extension of this Grant Agreement as laid out within this Decision Notice.

**OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC**

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*



**Signature**

**Date: 12/10/2022**

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

- 1.1 To address the current waiting list for children aged 11-18 years affected by Sexual Abuse in Norfolk.

### **2. BACKGROUND:**

- 2.1 The Norfolk PCC has commissioned Fresh Start New Beginnings (FSNB) to provide specialist services that support children aged 11-18 years and their family who have experienced sexual abuse. This arrangement is by way of a Grant Agreement.
- 2.2 This Decision Notice is to seek approval from the PCC to award a one-off additional uplift to support Fresh Start New Beginnings who have reported that their waiting list has grown, and they currently have an additional 12 children in need of specialist support.
- 2.3 The source of this funding has been devolved by the Ministry of Justice under their Victims' Fund as a one-off funding uplift (to all PCCs) that has to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. It is the responsibility of each PCC to award this funding within the terms and conditions of the MoJ Victims' Grant Agreement.
- 2.4 This funding will support work of the charity to deliver specialist services which will in turn address and reduce the waiting list in Norfolk. This funding will provide support for 12 children and their families.

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

- 3.1 This funding aligns with specialist sexual violence services currently commissioned by the OPCCN and will form part of a formal review of need in readiness for a tender that is currently planned to go out to market during 2024.

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

- 4.1 Not to fund this organisation and address the growing waiting list of children affected by child sexual abuse— this option has been rejected based on evidence of need that additional capacity and accessibility for services is required to support victims of child sexual abuse within the county.

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

- 5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set Police and Crime objectives through the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-24. The PCC's six priorities fall into the following categories each with detailed objectives in the plan:

- Sustain Norfolk Constabulary
- Visible and Trusted Policing
- Tackling Crime
- Prevent Offending
- Support Victims
- Safer and Stronger Communities

5.2 This Grant Variation supports the PCCs ‘Support for Victims’ priority as outlined in the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-24.

5.3 Quality standards that will be supported as set out in the following documents:

- NICE Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect
  - (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng76>), which makes recommendations for a range of therapeutic interventions for children, young people and families after sexual abuse
- The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) Ethical Framework (<https://www.bacp.co.uk/about-us/about-bacp/>). The counsellor recruited for the SV pilot will be accredited with the BACP or UKCP with the relevant competency levels in place to support this group of clients (this includes highly complex cases and those who have experienced historic childhood sexual abuse).
- The Norfolk Sexual Violence Strategy produced by the County’s Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) that supports the work of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group (DASVG).

5.4 The primary statutory legislation that drives the support of commissioning services that support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence 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 Decision Notice seeks to extend the original Grant Agreement by way of a one off 'uplift' to the original Grant Agreement but with the caveat that this uplift must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and address the waiting list.

6.2 Cost of Grant Variation:

ITEM	2022/23
To reduce the waitlist by supporting 12 Children aged 11-18years including their siblings/non abusive parent.	£20,000
One off uplift to be spent by the financial year end of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	

## 7 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

7.1 There are no major implications or risks with this decision paper.

7.2 The OPCCN has assessed the eligibility of Fresh Start New Beginnings and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed

<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>
<p data-bbox="204 1424 788 1458"><b>Is this report a Confidential Decision?</b></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="1273 1442 1394 1509" type="checkbox"/> </div> <p data-bbox="204 1536 1430 1570">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: 12/10/2022**

**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: 12/10/2022**

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