



ORIGINATOR: Gary Cummins, Supplier Relationship Manager, 7F Commercial

DECISION NO. 08 /2023

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: Gt Giles Wonder Plus – Contract Extension

SUMMARY:

1. This paper seeks approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the extension of the Norfolk Wonder Plus contract with St. Giles Trust for 1 year – cost £204,063
2. Of the £204,063 contract cost, £102,531.50 will be funded by the Norfolk OPCC
3. This contract commenced in April 2018 for a period of 3 years and has subsequently been extended by 2 x 1 year period

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner grants approval to extend the contract with St. Giles Trust for a period 1 year as outlined in this report

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

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:

Date: 24/03/2023

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 The UK Government encourages and supports areas to bring together local agencies (criminal justice, statutory and third sector) to develop a multi-agency approach to address the often-complex needs of female offenders, many of whom are some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged women in society.
- 1.2 Since 2018, the Wonder Plus service has supported vulnerable women across Norfolk who have complex and multiple barriers to a positive future. The service uses a whole-person, diversionary approach to support Women who have experience of, or are at risk of entering, the criminal justice system. It is community based, holistic and features gender specific assessment, referral, and support to meet the complex needs of this vulnerable group.
- 1.3 This service supports the delivery of potential benefits to the criminal justice system through reduced women in court and custody, and reoffending. This service also supports predicted wider social and economic benefits, including fewer victims of crime, reduced truancy and fewer children taken into care, fewer victims of domestic violence, and reduced demands on health and other local services such as housing
- 1.4 St. Giles Trust are currently contracted to deliver the Norfolk Wonder Plus services. The extension of this contract for a 1-year period enables continuity of this service.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 In April 2018, the PCC for Norfolk partnered with St. Giles Trust for the delivery of a rehabilitation programme for female offenders (Wonder Plus). The service is currently managed by St Giles Trust on behalf of the OPCC
- 2.2 The Norfolk Wonder Plus contract with St Giles Trust was originally commissioned in April 2018 for a period of 3 years. Two subsequent 1-year extensions have been executed. This contract will now expire on 31/03/2023.
- 2.3 Clause 48 of the current contract allows for an extension period(s) after the initial term, the length of which is “to be determined by the Commissioner”
- 2.4 The Commissioning leads, Stephanie Stearman and Gavin Thompson, have given approval for a 1-year extension option with St. Giles Trust to 31/03/2024.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 This report recommends that a 1-year period is executed:
 - a) To ensure continuity of a critical service to the community;

- 3.2 The Cost of the proposed 1-year extension is £204,063 (jointly funded by the Norfolk OPCC, St Giles Trust, and Project ADDER – Norfolk OPCC Cost = £102,531.50)

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 Continuation of this service via St Giles Trust been agreed as the preferred route with the commissioning lead. For that reason, alternative routes to market have not been explored in detail.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 The extension of the current contract supports the strategic aims of the Police and Crime Commissioners to reduce reoffending.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The original 3-year contract value was £523,953 – split funded by the Norfolk OPCC, St Giles Trust, and Operation ADDER. The cost of the 1 yr. extension period will be £204,063 – funded on the below basis.

Contributor	FY 22/23 Cost	FY 23/24 Cost	Increase (£)	Increase (%)
Project ADDER	£44,000.00	£44,000.00	£0.00	0.0%
St Giles Trust	£45,000.00	£57,531.50	£12,531.50	27.8%
OPCCN	£90,000.00	£102,531.50	£12,531.50	13.9%
Total	£179,000.00	£204,063.00	£25,063.00	14.0%

- 6.2 The additional funding requested will:

- Allow continuation of a trainee post beyond the end of July, when current will end.
- Increase to salaries for Link workers to reflect the increased level of responsibility and in response to the increasing cost of living
- Moving the Senior Link Worker into a Team Leader post to reflect the increased responsibility of line managing the team, representing St Giles and Wonder Plus to external audiences and building relationships with other stakeholders. Management costs have reduced to reflect this change.
- Increase to travel costs to reflect the general increase in travel costs and Link Workers increasingly travelling to other areas of Norfolk to support women
- Increased Client Emergency Fund to reflect the expectation that the cost of living continues to increase at pace

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

7.1 Consultation with Gavin Thompson and Stephanie Stearman on behalf of the Norfolk OPCC. No further risks or issues have been raised.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)**PLEASE STATE
'YES' OR 'NO'**

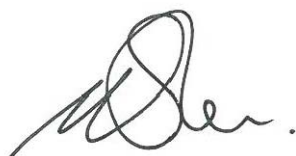
- Has legal advice been sought on this submission? **N/A**
- Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted? **YES**
- Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate? **N/A**
- Have human resource implications been considered? **YES**
- 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? **N/A**
- In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission? **YES**

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: 24/03/2023**

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: 24/03/2023

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