



**Subject: Grant Funding Uplift to the:
Rowan Project delivered by the Daisy Programme - Breckland
The Lotus Programme delivered by the 1-2-1 Project – West and
North Norfolk.**

Originator: Stephanie Stearman

Decision no. 32/2023

Reason for submission: For decision

Submitted to: Police and Crime Commissioner of Norfolk – Giles Orpen-Smellie

Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk is committed to expanding the level of provision available to support victims of sexual violence and has a long-term ambition to ensure that services are available and accessible across the County at different times of the day.

As part of a strategy that includes funding to existing service providers in the county to maintain and enhance the services they provide for victims, the OPCC has worked with the Daisy Programme and the 1-2-1 Project to provide sexual violence support services in the three districts of Norfolk, Breckland, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and North Norfolk.

Both projects were initially two-year pilots launched during the Covid-19 Pandemic and responded to need and where there were gaps in local specialist provision as identified through the OPCC's sexual violence service needs assessment.

Both pilots have demonstrated that not all victims/survivors of sexual violence/abuse identify as sexual abuse victims and present with a variety of complex needs as their primary issue. Therefore, by commissioning services that are trauma informed, the pilots have enabled victims who present with complex needs the support they require to be able to cope and recover from the harm they have experienced.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk supports the allocation of 'uplift' funding for the Rowan Project, delivered by Daisy Project and the Lotus Programme delivered by the 1-2-1 Project.

Outcome/approval by: PCC/~~chief executive~~/~~chief finance officer~~
(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature: 

Date: 12/10/2023

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To address the need to reduce current waiting lists by extending provision to victims of sexual abuse/violence in the Breckland, Kings Lynn & West Norfolk, and North Norfolk districts.

2. Background:

- 2.1 The Norfolk PCC originally commissioned both the 1-2-1 Project and Daisy Programme responding to gaps in provision of service for sexual violence victims in Breckland, Kings Lynn & West Norfolk and North Norfolk. In addition to this both pilots were to test the theory that not all victims of sexual abuse or historic cases of sexual abuse (childhood) identify initially with sexual abuse as their main reason for support.
- 2.2 Many victims/survivors present with alternative reasons for support such as substance misuse, alcohol addiction, poor mental health, anger management, relationship issues and or domestic abuse. Both pilots have demonstrated this and therefore are supporting clients who would not traditionally approach a dedicated sexual violence support service and therefore may not receive the support they require to be able to cope and recover from the harm they have experienced.
- 2.3 During the last three years both charities have supported victims and now they are established they have built momentum and raised awareness in their districts where once there was very limited provision. For these reasons both charities now have waiting lists and this Decision Notice for funding is to address/reduce the waiting lists.
- 2.4 The funding for these two charities has come from an uplift by the Ministry of Justice Victims' core funding for the financial year 2023/24.

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 address the waiting lists by funding these organisations and address additional complex needs for those affected by sexual abuse or historic cases (child sexual abuse) – this option has been rejected based on evidence of need that additional capacity and accessibility for services is required to support the needs of victims 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
- Safe 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 services 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 –Ministry of Justice 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 sees to extend funding on original Grant Agreements issued with all terms and conditions remaining unchanged. XXXXXXXXX

6.2 Cost of Grant Variations:

Table 1 Cost of grant variations

Item	2023/24 Financial year uplift/cost
The Rowan Project	£13,000
The Lotus Programme	£13,000
TOTAL	£26,000

6.3 The funding for the above two projects has come from the Ministry of Justice Core Victims Fund 2023/24 'uplift'. The total of MoJ uplift is £36,300.57 which will be utilised in full to provide additional capacity for victims. This Decision Notice relates to £26,000 of the total annual uplift.

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.

7.2 The OPCCN has assessed the eligibility of the Daisy Programme and the 1-2-1 Project and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed.

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

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

No

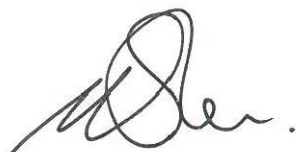
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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: 12/10/2023

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: 12/10/2023

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