



**Reply to:** Leah Smith  
**Telephone:** 01953 423506  
**Date:** 22 December 2023

Dear Member of Public,

## **RE: Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/229**

I am writing in connection with your email dated 12 December 2023, in which you requested the following information:

"We are requesting information to understand how many Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) and Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) you currently commission. For the purposes of this Freedom of Information request, CHIDVAs and CHISVAs are independent domestic and sexual violence advisers who specifically work with children (under 18s), and not with adults.

We are looking to find:

1. How many FTE Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?
2. How many FTE Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?
3. How many FTE Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) and FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) have you co-commissioned with local authorities in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?
4. How many FTE Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?
5. How many FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?
6. How many FTE Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) and FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) have you co-commissioned with local authorities in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?"

I have reviewed our records and can advise the following:

Our IDVAS post 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 are Medium and High Risk – they support both. Prior to this they were High risk **Only**.

Norfolk ISVA Core Based Service (based at the Sexual Assault Referral Centre) is commissioned by Norfolk Constabulary and NHS England and **not** the OPCC. We commission 2.5 FTE for special characteristic ISVAS.

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
CHIDVA (FTE) Question No 1	3	0	0
CHISVA (FTE) Question No 2	0	0	0
Co-Commissioned LA's CHIDVA's (FTE) Question No 3	2.5	6.4	6.4
IDVA (FTE) Question No 4 (HIGH Risk only)	12	0	0
ISVAs (FTE) Question No 5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Co-Commissioned LA IDVA (FTE) - Question No 6 High and Medium Risk	0	22.25	28.7

Yours sincerely

L. Smith

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Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

## Internal Review

If you think we have not supplied information in accordance with Section 1 (the General Right of Access) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, or you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, then you should write within 40 days of the date of the response to:

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An internal review is conducted by the Chief Executive who will review the request and response, taking account of your complaint(s), and will respond in writing as soon as possible. The Information Commissioner's Office recommends that a response should be made in 20 working days. If we are unable to respond in this timeframe, we will inform you and provide a date by which you should expect to receive our response.

If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied then you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, the government regulator for the Freedom of Information Act. Details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office can be found at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)