



Subject: SUE LAMBERT TRUST

Originator: Stephanie Stearman

Decision no. 10/2024

Reason for submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Giles Orpen-Smellie – Police and Crime Commission for Norfolk (PCC)

Summary:

1. This Decision Notice seeks approval by the PCC to agree to funding by way of a Grant Agreement to the Sue Lambert Trust.
2. Under this Grant Agreement the Sue Lambert Trust will provide specialist support for women, men and children aged 11+ (boys and girls) who have been recent victims of sexual abuse/violence/child sexual abuse, both recent and historic, incorporating those with protected characteristics.
3. This Grant will allow the Sue Lambert Trust to provide specialist support to those victims/survivors in the districts of Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk.
4. The Trust will provide counselling services and group work to clients to enable them to cope and recover from the trauma that they have experienced.

Recommendation:

The PCC supports this decision to provide funding to the Sue Lambert Trust.

Outcome/approval by: PCC

(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature: 

Date: 02/02/2024

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To provide specialist counselling services to victims/survivors of sexual abuse/violence/child sexual abuse, both recent and historic incorporating those with protected characteristics.
- 1.2 Specialist counselling services will be available to women, men and children aged 11, free of charge in the districts of Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Under the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund, each PCC area receives a Grant to support victims of crime based on a population formula generated by ONS data from mid 2020.
- 2.2 This award is made to the PCC area in exercise of the power conferred on the Ministry of Justice by section 56(1) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
- 2.3 Activities under this Fund must satisfy the requirements of the Victims' Code and domestic Law and must:
 - a. Meet the support needs of Victims of Crime
 - b. Act in the interests of Victims of Crime supported
 - c. Be free of charge
 - d. Be confidential

- e. Be non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality and citizenship)
- f. Be available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police
- g. Be available before during and for a nay appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings.

2.4 This Grant is to support the needs of victims of sexual abuse/violence/rape, child sexual abuse and historic cases of child sexual abuse by way of counselling services.

2.5 This Grant will cover the period of 1st April 2024-30st September 2025.

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 The service delivered by the Sue Lambert Trust must complement and work with other commissioned specialist counselling services who support victims/survivors of sexual abuse/violence/rape across the county to ensure coverage, choice for victims and localism. These services include:

- a. The Rowan Project* delivered by the Daisy Programme in Breckland
- b. The Lotus Programme* delivered by the One to One Project in North Norfolk and West Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary
- c. Brave Futures*, delivering a service for Children 11+ across all districts of Norfolk.
- d. The Harbour Centre – Norfolk’s, Sexual Abuse and Referral Service.

3.2 Alignment of Grants for services (*primarily above) that support victims of sexual abuse in readiness to go out to market 2024/25.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 Not to fund – this was rejected as this would put victims/survivors at greater risk.

4.2 Fund the Sue Lambert Trust singularly - this was rejected due to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners strategy and that of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group since 2020 to:

- a. Build and increase capacity across the county
- b. Increase choice for victims
- c. Increase accessibility at localities in the districts

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set out Police and Crime objectives through the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-2024. 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 will support two of these pillars: Supporting Victims and Safe and Stronger Communities

5.3 The primary statutory legislation that drives the commissioning of domestic abuse services 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 The Total of the Grant Value is £270,000 (two hundred and seventy thousand pounds)

6.2 The financial split across the funding period is as follows:

FUNDING	2024/25	2025/26
	1 st April 24- 31 st March 2025	1 st April 25- 30 st September 25
Grant Funding to contribute to Core Costs of the Sue Lambert Trust	£180,000	£90,000
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	£270,000	

6.3 The funding of this Grant Award will be paid from the Ministry of Justice Victims Fund (formula based).

7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO ₂	Saving in tCO ₂
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications

7.2 No material implications

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 There are no foreseen major implications or risks associated with this decision at this time.

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
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	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

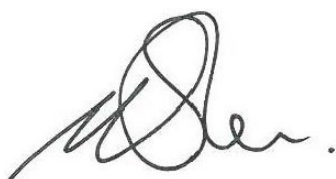
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the PCC Decision Making Policy

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: 02/02/2024

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: 02/02/2024

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