



Subject: ST GILES TRUST – THE WONDER PROJECT

Originator: Stephanie Stearman

Decision no. 14/2024

Reason for submission: For Decision

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

Summary:

1. The WONDER Project has been running in Norfolk and delivered by St Giles Trust under the current Contract since 1st March 2018. During this time there have been three contract extensions.
2. The WONDER Project supports women in Norfolk by way of a Whole System Approach by rehabilitating female offenders and supporting women at risk of offender.
3. The service is diversionary in approach (whereby women given a conditional caution or other women who voluntarily self-refer to the scheme) and targeting intervention for qualifying female offenders, and women at risk of entering the Criminal Justice System.
4. The outcome of WONDER is delivery of a community based holistic system of gender specific assessment, referral, and support to meet the complex needs of this vulnerable client group.
5. This Decision Notice is to award St Giles Trust a one-off payment of £15,000 to support clients within the WONDER service who have experienced unprecedented deprivation which has been further impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the PCC support the WONDER Project delivered by St Giles Trust by way of funding a one-off sum of £15,000.

Outcome/approval by: PCC

(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:



Date: 07/02/2024

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 The WONDER Project supports women in Norfolk by way of a Whole System Approach by rehabilitating female offenders and supporting women at risk of offender.
- 1.2 This Decision Notice is to award St Giles Trust a one-off payment of £15,000 to support clients within the WONDER service who have experienced unprecedented deprivation which has been further impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

2. Background:

- 2.1 The WONDER+ service is a Whole System Approach (WSA) to rehabilitating female offenders and supporting women at risk of offending, originally funded by the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Norfolk County Council Public Health and the Norfolk and Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company (NSCRC).
- 2.2 The current model is now funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Norfolk County Council Public Health, and St Giles Trust.
- 2.3 The outcome will be the delivery of a community based holistic system of gender specific assessment, referral, and support to meet the complex needs of this vulnerable client group.
- 2.4 The service targets all women residing in Norfolk who meet the following criteria:
 - Aged 18 years or over and residing in the Norfolk local authority area, or of no fixed abode, presenting in Norfolk and:

- Detention or attendance by appointment at Police Investigation Centres (PICs) in Wymondham, Kings Lynn, Aylsham, Great Yarmouth, and Bury St Edmunds, or
- Engaging with Operational Policing Teams and/or agencies based in Early Help Hubs across the county, or
- In receipt of support from another statutory or voluntary agency but requiring more specialist support in relation to offending behaviour or engagement with the criminal justice system.

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 Not to fund this one-off payment to support client cost through the service. This was rejected as it would further disadvantage clients caught in the cost of living crisis and further impact upon this group of vulnerable women who in many cases have also been exploited into criminality and found themselves entering the criminal justice system and as a victim of exploitation.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 Not applicable

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 The NIDAS service supports three of these pillars: Prevent Offending, Supporting Victims and Safe and Stronger Communities.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The cost of this one-off payment of £15,000 will be from the Commissioning Core budget and will be paid by 31st March 2024.

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 implications or risks that have been identified 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

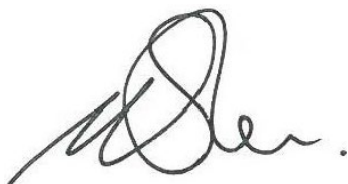
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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: 07/02/2024

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: 07/02/2024

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