

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

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DECISION NO. 2017/13

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police & Crime Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Extension of Service Provision to Sue Lambert Trust in response to unprecedented demand on services to support victims of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Violence and Historic Cases of Child Sexual Abuse

SUMMARY:

The Sue Lambert Trust provides support for men, women and young people aged 11 and over, who are the survivors of sexual abuse. This service includes counselling as well as practical and emotional support. Since 2012/13 demand for service has increased by over 100% with this trend showing no signs of abating. This places resources of the Sue Lambert Trust under extreme pressure as the only Norfolk based specialist provider of comprehensive support to victims of sexual abuse.

Due to extraneous demand during 2016/17, pressure has been put on resources. To relieve pressure on the Sue Lambert Trust the PCC has agreed to extend funding for services which includes, counselling services and support personnel, together with extended hours of operation.

This work continues to move forward, Sue Lambert Trust have recruited and trained additional human resources; this enables them to intervene early in more of the acute referrals that need immediate and open ended intervention

RECOMMENDATION:

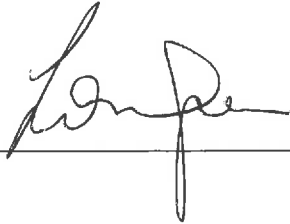
It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk support this Grant extension to the Sue Lambert Trust.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:

Lorne Green, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature

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Date

5/4/17

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner currently grant funds the Sue Lambert Trust (SLT). SLT are the only dedicated Norfolk based specialist service who provide victims (men, women and young people over the age of 11 years) with this type of support. The objective is to extend funding to enable the Sue Lambert Trust to cope with the additional need of support and provision of specialist services for victims of sexual abuse, sexual violence and historic cases of child sexual abuse.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Sue Lambert Trust exists to empower survivors of sexual and domestic abuse to lead fulfilling lives. They offer specialist long term counselling support as well as emotional support to clients aged 11 and over who are affected by abuse both past and present.
- 2.2 SLT has rapidly expanded over the past 5 years increasing its capacity to over 300% during that period. It now provides weekly therapeutic support to over 200 clients however an unprecedented growth in demand means that there are currently over 400 clients on the waiting list for regular support.
- 2.3 Demand has been generated from a variety of reasons;
- the impact or recent and ongoing press revelations about the prevalence of childhood sexual abuse being felt by survivors and has meant that they have found it hard to manage without specialist support.
 - Government cuts to some statutory services have also meant there has been an increase in referrals and signposting from these agencies.
 - The increase in resources to investigate and prosecute sexual crimes has led to an increase in cases going to court and the need for specialist support to help survivors
 - Press interest in the issue has led to the increased awareness of the availability of support to survivors.
- 2.4 SLT are delivering services in Norwich, Great Yarmouth and satellite services in Kings Lynn and Thetford. Due to the demand for these services, opening hours in Norwich have been extended to incorporate three evenings where late appointments can be booked up to 9pm.
- 2.5 SLT's senior management team report into the Trustee Board and Finance Sub Committee. Volunteers provide additional infrastructure and all staff receive training and clinical supervision.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 This specialist service is to support clients thru their personal journey and improve their outcomes to lead fulfilling and include:

- Increased feeling of safety
- Increased self-esteem and sense of well being
- Reduce suicide and hospitalisation
- Improve their mental health prognosis
- Improve their access to other high quality services
- Improve relationships with others
- Increase their involvement in society and reduce their isolation

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 Not to fund the Sue Lambert Trust– this option has been rejected based on evidence of need that additional support is required to support victims of sexual abuse/violence.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set Police and Crime Objectives through a Police and Crime Plan. This Police and Crime Plan can be found on the PCC's website and outlines the core principals covering the period 2016-2020. One of the core principals is to support victims and reduce vulnerability. The principal echoes national policy through the VAWG Strategy.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 A total of £23,000 for additional support will be given during the financial year 2016/17 to support survivors of sexual abuse/assault in Norfolk.


7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

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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?	No

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 10.4.2017

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,
AND
- c) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 5/4/17

Grant Variation Form No 1

Provider: The Sue Lambert Trust - Norwich	Decision Notice No:
Title: Support Services for men, women and young people, aged over 11 years and who are survivors of sexual abuse.	Agreement Period: Main Grant Funding Period: 1 st April 2015- 31 st March 2018 Contract Variation Covers Period: 1 st January 2017-31 st March 2017

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, currently funds the Sue Lambert Trust to provide support for men, women and young people ages 11 years and over who are survivors of sexual abuse. This service includes counselling and practical and emotional support within the county of Norfolk

Demand for service has increased. There are many contributing factors why demand has increased, not least from awareness within the media around high profile Historic Child Sexual Abuse cases, the National Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and regional campaigns around reporting of crime.

To ensure that the Sue Lambert Trust is able to support victims, there is an additional requirement for funding to expand service by way of additional counselling and support personnel.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk has agreed to extend the existing Grant Agreement to incorporate an Additional Funding amount of £23,000 for the period of three months commencing 1st January 2017 – 31st March 2017.

The following revised costings will now apply for the duration of the above agreement period:

Original Grant for 2016/17	£75,000
Variation	£23,000
Total Grant for 2016/17	£98,000

Signed for and on behalf of the Commissioner



Name

MARK STOKES

Position

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Date

21-3-17

Signed for and on behalf of the Provider



Name

Mette Okruik

Position

Chief Executive

Date

30/3/17

