

Subject: Sue Lambert Trust – Support for sexual violence and abuse survivors

Originator: Commissioning Officer – Policy and Commissioning

Decision no. 25/2026

Reason for submission: For decision

Submitted to: The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Summary:

1. This decision notice seeks the approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to provide funding by way of Grant Agreement to the Sue Lambert Trust.
2. Under this Grant Agreement the Sue Lambert Trust will provide specialist support for adults aged 18 years and over who have experienced sexual violence or abuse, both recent and non-recent across Norfolk. This will include provision of support for people with protected characteristics.
3. The Trust will provide counselling and support services to clients to enable them to cope and recover from the trauma they have experienced.
4. The total funding is £115,000 for the ten-month period 1 June 2026 – 31 March 2027.
5. This arrangement to draw down a two-year funding offer over one year is at the request of Sue Lambert Trust.

Recommendation:

That the PCC supports this decision to extend funding of £115,000 to the Sue Lambert Trust for the period 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2027.

Outcome/approval by: Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk – Mark Stokes

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:



Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To provide specialist counselling and support services to adults aged 18 years and over who are victims of sexual violence and abuse, both recent and non-recent, across the county of Norfolk.
- 1.2 Services will be:
 - Promoted to all people including those with protected characteristics
 - Available free of charge
 - Available to residents in all districts of Norfolk.

2. Background:

- 2.1 This grant is to support the needs of victims/survivors of sexual violence and abuse by way of delivering counselling and support services.
- 2.2 The previous Grant Arrangement ended on 31 May 2026.
- 2.3 The new Grant Arrangement will commence on 1 June 2026 and end on 31 March 2027.
- 2.4 This arrangement to draw down a two-year funding offer over one year is at the request of Sue Lambert Trust. They are aware that there will be no further funding available for period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.
- 2.5 The role of the PCC will be abolished from March 2028 – following this the provider will need to find alternative funding. Should services be closed the provider will ensure that any remaining service users are safely supported through the closure of the service.

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:
 - The Rowan Project delivered by the Daisy Programme in Breckland
 - The Lotus Programme delivered by the One to One Project in North Norfolk and West Norfolk
 - Brave Futures, delivering a service for children across all districts of Norfolk
 - The Harbour Centre – Norfolk Sexual Abuse Referral Centre
 - The Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) service
 - Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care Service delivered by Catch 22.

4. Other options considered:

- 4.1 Not to fund – this was rejected as there is a need for phased withdrawal of funding to mitigate negative impacts on clients pending the abolition of the PCC role.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

- 5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to produce and publish the Norfolk Police and Crime Plan 2025-29. The PCC's priorities are:

- Preventing crime
- Cohesive communities
- Reducing harm.

- 5.2 This grant will support the pillar - Reducing harm.

- 5.3 The primary pieces of legislation and strategies that drive the commissioning of services to support victims/survivors of sexual violence and abuse across the Local Authority and Police force areas are:

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004.
- Children Act 1989 and 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.
- Home Office Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy.
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

- 6.1 The total of the grant value is £115,000 (one hundred and fifteen thousand pounds).

- 6.2 The funding will be for the delivery of services for the period 1 June 2026 – 31 March 2027.
- 6.3 The funding will be paid from the Commissioning Budget.
- 6.4 The total award will be as follows:

Financial Year	£
1 June 2026 – 31 March 2027	£115,000
TOTAL	£115,000

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 tCO2	Saving in tCO2
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 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) has assessed the eligibility of the Sue Lambert Trust and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed and agreed by the OPCCN’s Chief Finance/151 Officer. These will be reviewed periodically.

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).

On behalf of the 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: 10/06/2026

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: 11/06/2026

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