

## **Subject: Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) programme 2026-27**

**Originator:** Serious Violence Programme Lead – Community Safety and Violence Reduction Coordination Team

**Decision no.** 34/2026

**Reason for submission:** For decision

**Submitted to:** Colin Sutton – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

### **Summary:**

1. The Norfolk Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) project has been granted a nine-and-a-half-month extension of Home Office funding to continue delivery until 14 January 2027.
2. The project will continue to deliver the Respect Young Peoples Programme (RYPP) for families where children/adolescents are abusive or violent towards their parents/carers, known as CAPVA in partnership with; Respect, Norfolk Youth Justice Service (NYJS), Norfolk Children's Service (NCS), Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS), managed by Leeway, Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services, participating schools, and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.
3. The anticipated outcomes of the project are to:
  - a. Reduce verbal aggression, severity of violence and abuse in close relationships.
  - b. Improve emotional well-being (coping with anxiety, anger, depression, emotional self-regulation), inclusive or therapeutic and clinical support offers for children/adolescents.
  - c. Improve family communication, relationships and feelings of safety for all.
  - d. Build parenting confidence and skills by a trained workforce who are supported and supervised by a nationally accredited organisation.
  - e. Increase the children/adolescent's insight to their own behaviour and reduce their risk to others.
4. The nine-and-a-half-month project extension aims to receive partnership referrals for the 12-week Respect Young Peoples Programme into the NYJS, NCS, NIDAS and participating schools. The project will offer those families assessed as suitable the opportunity to engage with the approach across the life of the funding.

5. In addition, we will offer up to 12 children specialist therapeutic support throughout the year through our partner organisation Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services. Clinical and therapeutic support is currently in place for those families already identified and engaging with NYJS and NCS.
6. Respect will provide practice support in the delivery of the RYPP to all named providers and support them with delivery for the duration of the project (to 14 January 2027).

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) provides funding to deliver the extension of the CAPVA programme of interventions, enabling delivery of the Norfolk PCC's successful bid to the Home Office's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund.

**Outcome/approval by: Colin Sutton – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

**Signature:**

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**Date: 27/07/2026**

## Detail of the submission

### 1. Objective:

- 1.1 Continue to deliver the Norfolk CAPVA project enabling partners to deliver the Respect Young Peoples Programme for families experiencing child or adolescent to parent violence or abuse.
- 1.2 The partners are Respect, Norfolk Youth Justice Service (NYJS), Norfolk Children's Service (NCS), Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS), and Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services, participating schools, and the OPCCN. This will offer support and enhanced safeguarding to children and families experiencing CAPVA.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is Government priority. These crimes can have lasting and severe impacts on the physical and mental health of victims, their families, communities and the economy. The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) for year ending March 2025 estimated that 7.8% (3.8 million) of people aged 16 years and over experienced domestic abuse in the last year. Whilst both men and women can be victims of VAWG crimes, they disproportionately affect women and girls.
- 2.2 In 2025 the Government published its [Freedom from violence and abuse strategy](#) sets out the government's vision and actions for meeting its ambition to halve violence against women and girls in a decade.
- 2.3 In 2021, the Domestic Abuse Act received Royal Assent. The 2021 Act established a general-purpose legal definition of domestic abuse which incorporates a range of abuses beyond physical violence – including emotional, controlling or coercive, sexual, and economic abuse. Additionally, on 8 July 2022, the government published the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Statutory Guidance to support implementation of the domestic abuse legal definition and convey best practice. The guidance is intended to support frontline professionals in identifying and understanding domestic abuse, as well as its impact on victims. It encourages best practice in the response of various agencies and organisations, including employers.
- 2.4 The Home Office committed up to £18 million per year over 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 towards the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund. The fund welcomed proposals that cover children and adolescent to parent violence and abuse (CAPVA) and proposals had a minimum bid value of £300,000. In early 2025 the Home Office announced a continuation of this Fund for the funded interventions until the 31 March 2026. In December 2025 the Home Office announced an intention to further continue the Fund for nine-and-a-half-months from the 1 April 2026 to the 14 January 2027.
- 2.5 The aim of the Fund is to increase availability of interventions for perpetrators of domestic abuse, with the ultimate aim of reducing reoffending and protecting

victims and survivors and their children. The Home Office are specifically looking for evidence of the following objectives:

- Sustained reduction, frequency, and gravity of abuse;
  - Reduction in risk posed by the perpetrator;
  - Improved safety, and feelings of safety, for any associated victims and their children.
- 2.6 The Home Office have communicated their intention to award the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners for Norfolk (OPCCN) an additional £241,453.25 of funding for period 1 April 2026 to 14 January 2027 to continue and further develop the CAPVA project in Norfolk through this fund.
- 2.7 Utilising this funding award, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk will lead the CAPVA project to continue to embed the Respect Young People's Programme (RYPP) as part of an integrated response to CAPVA in Norfolk.
- 2.8 The RYPP is an evidence-led intervention for families where children or young people aged between 8 and 18 are abusive or violent towards the people close to them, particularly their parents or carers.
- 2.9 The programme works with both young people and their families, encouraging everyone to take a role in stopping the abuse and learning respectful ways of managing conflict, difficulty, and intimacy.
- 2.10 Respect will provide practice and implementation support to partners to deliver the programme, which will be delivered in partnership with Norfolk Youth Justice Service, Norfolk Children's Service, Police, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service, Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services and participating schools, and OPCCN.
- 2.11 The anticipated outcomes of the project are to:
- Reduce verbal aggression, severity of violence and abuse in close relationships
  - Improve emotional well-being (coping with anxiety, anger, depression, emotional self-regulation), inclusive or therapeutic and clinical support offers for children/adolescents
  - Improve family communication, relationships and feelings of safety for all
  - Build parenting confidence and skills by a trained workforce who are supported and supervised by a nationally accredited organisation
  - Increase the children/adolescent's insight to their own behaviour and reduce their risk to others.
- 2.12 The nine-and-a-half project extension aims to receive partnership referrals for the 12-week Respect Young Peoples Programme into the NYJS, NCS, and NIDAS and

participating schools. The project will offer those families assessed as suitable the opportunity to engage with the approach across the life of the funding.

2.13 In addition, up to 12 children will be offered specialist therapeutic support per year through partner organisation Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services. Clinical and therapeutic support is currently in place for those families already identified and engaging with NYJS and NCS.

2.14 The partners in this bid will each provide a representative for the CAPVA Programme Partnership, a subgroup within the Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership Governance Structure. This group will be responsible for collaborating in the delivery of the programme.

### **3. Areas for consideration:**

3.1 This report recommends that the OPCCN's successful bid to the Home Office's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund is implemented in full.

3.2 The agreed funding amount is £241,453.25, which will be paid to the OPCCN quarterly in arrears. Payment of the Home Office grant requires meeting key deliverables and targets, as set out in the Home Office's grant agreement with the OPCCN.

3.3 The OPCCN will, in turn be responsible for commissioning Leeway, Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services and Respect as partners in this project through funding arrangements.

### **4. Other options considered:**

4.1 Do nothing: Experiencing CAPVA can be devastating. Families report high levels of distress, and a negative impact on the mental health of all those involved. Without this funding to deliver the RYPP intervention, families will not receive innovative evidence based whole system support in response to CAPVA. Thus, this option was deemed non-proceedable.

### **5. Strategic aims/objective supported:**

5.1 This programme will support the delivery against:

- The Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan (2025-29) priorities: Preventing crime: reduce serious violence.
- The Safer Norfolk Plan (2025-28) enabler: effective interventions are in place that prevent ASB and crime, their causes, make communities safer, provide support to victims and improve feelings of safety.
- The focus areas within the Government's Freedom from Violence and Abuse Strategy of prevention and early intervention and support.

## 6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The total value of the Home Office's grant intention for the period 1 April 2026 to 14 January 2027 is £241,453.

6.2 The planned breakdown of this funding is:

- Respect are to be funded up to £26,594 for provision of training, support and development of Norfolk's RYPP Ambassadors Programme.
- Leeway Domestic Abuse and Violence Services are to be funded up to £83,062 for provision of Family CAPVA Workers within the NIDAS service.
- Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services are to be funded up to £59,874 for therapeutic support and counselling.
- OPCCN will receive up to £61,744 for management, analysis and administration of this fund.
- £10,179 is allocated for venue costs/ travel.

## 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 <sub>2</sub> | Saving in tCO <sub>2</sub> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 At the time of writing the Home Office have indicated this intention to fund the OPCCN for activity in the nine-and-a-half-month period, 1 April 2026 – 14 January 2027 but have not yet provided a Grant Agreement to do so. Therefore, any funding mentioned within this decision notice is not guaranteed until the Home Office and the Commissioner have a signed grant agreement for the period 1 April 2026 – 14 January 2027. Should the Home Office reduce the Commissioner's allocation of funding through the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund, this may impact on the level of funding available to the Recipients.

8.2 Should there be any risk to the programme being delivered, partners are required to notify the OPCCN as per the conditions of the award.

| Originator checklist (must be completed)                                                                                                                                                                     | Please state 'Yes' or 'No' |
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| 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)? | No                         |
| 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: 27/07/2026**

**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: 27/07/2026**

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