Subject: **Standard Risk Domestic Abuse Service**

Originator: **Commissioning Officer**

Decision no. **49/2026**

Reason for submission: **For decision**

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

Summary:

1. This Decision Notice seeks approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the extension of the existing Grant Agreement for the delivery of a standard risk domestic abuse (DA) service by Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services.

2. The current grant arrangement covers the period 1 October 2025 to 2 January 2027. It is recommended that this is extended for a further 14 months to 31 March 2028 to run in line with NIDAS (Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse) the medium and high-risk service

3. The total funding required to extend the grant arrangement from 3 January 2027 to 31 March 2028 is £106,015.44

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk approves the extension of the grant arrangement with Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services to provide a standard risk domestic abuse service for the period 3 January 2027 to 31 March 2028.

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

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:



Date: 16/11/2026

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

1.1 To provide a standalone countrywide standard risk Domestic Abuse (DA) Service for Norfolk for the period 2 January 2027 to 31 March 2028.

2. Background:

2.1 Until 30 September 2026 the service for standard risk DA victims was provided as part of the Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care contract delivered by Victim Support.

2.2 A short-term intervention to support standard risk victims of DA between the end of the previous Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care Service on 30 September 2026 and the next iteration of NiDAS was required.

2.3 Norfolk's strategy is to streamline and co-ordinate an integrated DA system for Norfolk when the current NiDAS contract ends. This contract was originally due to end on 2 January 2027; however, this has been extended to 31 March 2028 pending completion of a new tender process.

2.4 Therefore, the existing arrangements for the delivery of standard risk DA support will also need to be extended and aligned to 31 March 2028.

2.5 This standard risk DA service is set up to work seamlessly between NiDAS and other key stakeholders and will be positioned in the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) at County Hall to allow for maximum partnership working.

2.6 This service will support Norfolk Constabulary by providing a direct referral pathway for victims of standard risk DA into a county wide service.

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 This will provide a seamless pathway into service in conjunction with NiDAS, ensuring that there is equity for Standard, Medium and High-Risk DA services across Norfolk.

3.2 The extension of this service will ensure that there are services for victims of standard risk DA in Norfolk, avoiding a postcode lottery situation, or placing additional strain on existing services or victims.

3.3 The extension of this service will also ensure consistency and seamless delivery across all DA risks in Norfolk, working within the long established multi-agency framework between NiDAS, other key stakeholders, and the MASH, maximising partnership working and ensuring holistic service delivery for victims.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 To not provide a specialist county wide standard risk DA service – this was rejected for reasons outlined above.

4.2 To look at several providers across the county – this was rejected as this would:

a. Cause confusion for victims and professionals referring into various services

b. Not offer economies of scale for back-office functions

c. Make reporting and communication through a multi-agency framework fragmented

5. Strategic aims/objectives supported:

5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set out a Police and Crime Plan. Within the current plan 2025-2029 the PCC has pledged under 'Your Priorities – Reducing Harm'

a. I WILL - Support All Victims – whether its women, men or children, to continue our vital support for victims and survivors of DA.

5.2 The primary statutory legislation that drives the support of commissioning services that support victims of DA and sexual violence across the Local Authority and Police Force areas are:

a. Crime and Disorder Act 1998

b. Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

c. Health and Social Care Act 2012

d. Code of Practice for Victims of Crime – Ministry of Justice

e. Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

f. Domestic Abuse Act 2021

6. Financial and other resource implications

6.1 The total grant value is up to £106,015.44

6.2 A breakdown of costs and financial years is as follows:

ITEM	3 January 2027- 31 March 2027	1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028	TOTAL
Core Standard Risk Service	£21,132.13	£84,883.31	£106,015.44
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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 None 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: 16/11/2025

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: 16/11/2026

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