

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Gavin Thompson

DECISION NO. 2018/ 22

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: To approve funding for the Norwich Connect Service

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Norwich Connect Service - Funding

SUMMARY: The Norfolk Beacon site is an innovative partnership between Safelives, the national domestic abuse charity, and local statutory partners, including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) to test new approaches to addressing the gaps in the UK's response to domestic abuse. The Norwich Connect Service will be piloted for a three year period and seek to help people recognise the signs of abuse before it escalates and provide support for the complex needs many people have, people who are still in their relationship or living with the perpetrator of abuse, children and young people through specialist, age appropriate services and survivors to recover from the harm. Along with three other local partners, the OPCCN will jointly fund the Connect Service, which will be fully evaluated as part of the overall Beacon Site initiative.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve funding for the Connect Service based on the funding schedule set out in this report.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature

Date 14/11/18

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To provide funding for the Norwich Connect Service, to pilot new services to fill key gaps in support for survivors of domestic abuse and their families.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In January 2016 the Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership, supported locally by four main funding partners agreed to become a 'SafeLives Beacon Site' and implement and test new approaches to addressing the gaps in the UK's response to domestic abuse.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The Norwich Connect Service is one of three main elements of the Beacon Site and is being delivered in partnership with Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council, Norfolk Constabulary and Safelives.
- 3.2 The pilot will be effective within the Norwich City Council local authority area, will operate for three years and focus on:
- early intervention, helping people recognise the signs of abuse before it escalates
 - support for the complex needs many people have – often because of, or exacerbated by domestic abuse, such as substance misuse and mental ill health
 - support for people who are still in their relationship or living with the perpetrator of abuse
 - support for children and young people through specialist, age appropriate services
 - support for survivors to recover from the harm, heal and build resilience.
- 3.3 The project is being managed by the Connect Board, which reports into the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board (DASVB) and Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP). Board governance is set out in the Board's terms of reference and the funding arrangements for the Connect Service are set out in detailed partnership agreement that has been signed off by the OPCCN and all other funding partners.
- 3.4 The Connect Service will be provided by Spurgeon's Children's Charity following a competitive tender process conducted by Safelives and will be launched in November 2018.
- 3.5 The Connect Service Pilot will be evaluated by the University of Central Lancashire as part of the overall Beacon Site Initiative.
- 3.6 In addition to providing support to survivors of domestic abuse and their families for the duration of the pilot, the learning from operating the Connect Service will be used to inform the development of domestic abuse services in Norfolk and future commissioning decisions of partner agencies.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None – the intention to fund the Norwich Connect Service is contained in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-20.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED

- 5.1 The funding for the Norwich Connect Service supports the Police and Crime Plan priorities to Prevent Offending and Support Victims and Reduce Vulnerability.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The overall budget for the operation of the Norwich Connect Service is £832,998. The overall contribution of the OPCCN per annum is as follows...

2017/18: £9,323

2018/19: £40,460

2019/20: £47,004

2020/21: £37,088

2021/22: £4958

- 6.2 The commitment to funding the Beacon Site was set out in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-20 and integrated commissioning strategy and the costs are contained within the OPCCN commissioning budget.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 7.1 None arising from the report.

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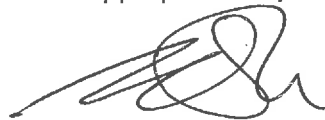
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have 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?	Yes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to PCC and DPCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date 30/10/18

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 30/10/18

