

**ORIGINATOR:** Stephanie Stearman

**DECISION NO.** 2019/ 12

**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 for services to support victims of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Violence and Historic Cases of Child Sexual Abuse for women, men and children aged 11 years and above.

**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 to meet the needs of survivors in the short, medium and long term.

This Grant is funded via the national/annual funding that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk receives from the Ministry of Justice to commission services that support victims of crime.

The number of sexual offences nationally recorded by the police in year ending December 2017 increased by 25%, compared with the previous year. High-profile media stories (for example, Harvey Weinstein, #MeToo and TV dramas such as 'Three Girls') have encouraged victims to come forward, regardless of whether or not they report a crime.

The SLT waiting list for services therefore has continued to grow exponentially.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

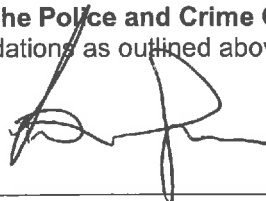
It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk support this Grant extension of 10 months to the Sue Lambert Trust.

**OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:**

**Lorne Green, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

**Signature**



**Date** 04/11/19

## 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 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 increased due to 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.
  - National cases have been reported through the media and raised awareness, such as Op Yewtree, Child Sexual Abuse (male) in Football, High-profile media stories (for example, Harvey Weinstein, #MeToo and TV dramas such as 'Three Girls') along with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). These high profile cases/inquiries have generated extensive awareness and for some survivors have given them the confidence to be able to come forward and report their own experiences of Child Sexual Abuse even though it may have been many years previous.
  - Increased referrals from other agencies within the county.
  - 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 reporting of cases 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 through their personal journey and improve their outcomes to lead fulfilling lives 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 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 supports national policy through the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.

### **6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 A total of £129,000 for support will be given during the financial year 2019/20 to support survivors of sexual abuse/assault in Norfolk. This grant is paid from the Ministry of Justice Victims Services grant. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019-31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

7.1 None arising from this report.

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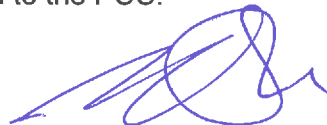
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have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

4-11-19

**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: 4.11.2019

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