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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	24.11.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.114

TITLE:	Award of Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme Contract

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme pilot which has been part funded by the Home Office, an opportunity arose to commission an external evaluation of the high risk Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes in Nottinghamshire.

A Request for Proposals was sent to five organisations for a response which detailed that up to £25,000 funding was available for this work.

Only one organisation responded to the Request for Proposals. This bid was evaluated by a panel with the Bid being deemed as compliant and awardable. The Commissioner is therefore requested to approve that the evaluation contract be awarded to Nottingham Trent University at a total cost of £24,405.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

The local offer of perpetrator programmes in Nottinghamshire is highly developed, drawing from a robust evidence base, and learning from the Duluth model. In particular, colleagues have paid attention to the findings from Project Mirabel. There is a notable emphasis on preventative interventions included an early intervention approach with children and young people. The local offer spans across the risk spectrum and includes programmes both within and beyond the criminal justice system.

The perpetrator programmes in scope for this evaluation sit within the programme approach for high risk perpetrators. This includes the established Integrated Offender Management DVA programme, aligned with the Criminal Justice system, and which had been previously piloted locally. The DVA IOM project has been successful in reducing risk from high risk serial perpetrators and increasing the sense of safety from the survivors associated with them. The other element is the more recently commissioned service for high risk perpetrators to support change of their beliefs and behaviours part funded by the Home Office, known generally as the Domestic Violence Perpetrators Programme or DVPP. This intervention is non-mandated and delivered via group or 1:1 sessions.

The main objectives of the evaluation are to:

- Understand the appropriateness of the DVPP and IOM programmes within the wider Nottinghamshire system
- Assess the effectiveness of the programmes and the impact they have had (and the impact for whom: perpetrators; victims; children; the wider system)

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- Calculate the cost-benefit of these approaches and identify its sustainability
- Inform funders and local decision makers in developing a coordinated and preventive community approach to perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse

A Request for Proposals including a specification for the evaluation was developed and circulated to five potential organisations to respond. This Request for Proposals detailed that up to £25,000 was available for this work. This is in line with Contract Standing Orders, which requires 3 quotes for activity up to £25,000.

Only one organisation responded. This bid was evaluated by a panel with the bid being deemed compliant and awardable. The evaluation will therefore be undertaken by Nottingham Trent University at a total cost of £24,405.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
The funding is revenue and will come from the Home Office DV Perpetrator Funding.	
Signature: **Chief Finance Officer**	[redacted]
Date:	26th November 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**	Yes	☐	No	☒
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
The Commissioner is requested to approve that the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme evaluation contract be awarded to Nottingham Trent University at a total cost of £24,405.				

OFFICER APPROVAL:	
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.	
Signature: **Chief Executive**	Kevin Dennis
Date:	29/11/21

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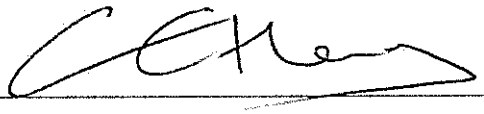
DECLARATION:	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below: The above request has my approval	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	1st December 2021

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