Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

AUTHOR:	Claire Good
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	0115 8445998
EMAIL ADDRESS:	Claire.good14154@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk
DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	24.11.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.115

TITLE:	Award of Research Contract to Explore the impact of experiencing or witnessing violence on boys' beliefs and behaviours in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) wishes to undertake some research to explore the impact of experiencing or witnessing violence on boys' beliefs and behaviours in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. A Request for Proposals was sent to four organisations for a response which detailed that up to £10,000 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 panel did however ask that a few amendments be made to the delivery plan which resulted in a slightly increased cost for delivery of this research.

The Commissioner is therefore requested to approve that the research contract be awarded to Nottingham Trent University at a total cost of £12,032.

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

Nottingham VRU wishes to commission some research which will explore the beliefs and behaviours of boys who have witnessed and/or experienced domestic violence (including sexual violence in the home environment), to gain an understanding of their beliefs and behaviours in relation to violence directed towards women and girls. The focus for the research is on boys aged 10-18 years.

The key priority for the research is that the engagement will provide recommendations that guide the VRUs action planning and commissioning. The specification was not prescriptive and the VRU anticipated the engagement could use a variety of methodologies to gather the insight on boys' beliefs and behaviours, including desktop research, engagement with boys and young men, working with organisations providing support to boys; and/or adopting a wider sampling strategy such as surveys on understanding perceptions and beliefs. A place based approach was encouraged, to explore the different experiences boys may have in different parts of the city and county.

A Request for Proposals including a specification for the research was developed and circulated to four potential organisations to respond. This Request for Proposals detailed that up to £10,000 was available for this work. This is in line with Contract Standing Orders, which requires only 1 quote for activity up to £10,000 and 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 panel did however ask that a few amendments be made to the delivery

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

plan to ensure that it represented the views of boys across both the city and county which resulted in a slightly increased cost for delivery of the research.

The research will therefore be undertaken by Nottingham Trent University at a total cost of £12,032. Given that the price increased to over the £10,000 as was detailed in the Request for Proposals this contract will be awarded as a single tender award. The reason for this being that only one organisation responded to the initial Request for Proposals and there was not time to re-issue the Request for Proposals with a higher price cap.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
The funding is revenue and will come from the VRU Home Office 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:

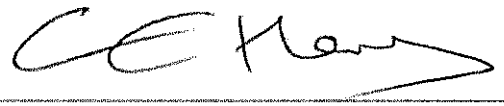
The Commissioner is requested to approve that the research contract in relation to the exploration of the impact of experiencing or witnessing violence on boys' beliefs and behaviours in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire be awarded to Nottingham Trent University at a total cost of £12,032.

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

DECLARATION:

** See guidance on non-public information

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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

** See guidance on non-public information