



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



Our Ref: 000083/15

23 January 2015

Dear

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 31st December 2014.

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does hold the information you have requested:

INFORMATION REQUESTED

You cite on your website that the PCC secured funding from central government to deliver the Rights and Recovery project in relation to domestic abuse group work programmes, that ceases in March 2015.

Can the PCC please send me the link to where this group work was advertised by the PCC to openly bid for and deliver? If the work was not openly tendered for can you please advise me as to why this was not openly tendered for and why and how WAIS were awarded the contract?

East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit managed the procurement exercise on our behalf. It was advertised on www.bluelight.gov.uk as a "Request for Proposals". The Advert ID was 9MRK-DKUYNK and the title was Nottinghamshire Rights and Recovery Project.

In addition, at our office's request, Lorraine Worthington-Allen, the Senior Category Manager managing the process, emailed you and all other providers of domestic abuse services based in Nottinghamshire to notify you of the tendering opportunity. A scanned in copy of her email is attached.

Can the PCC please explain why the Rights and Recovery project was only advertised/commissioned in September if the funding from the MOJ was secured in July.

We were notified that we had secured funding in July. Other office commitments meant that the work was tendered in mid August with the contract awarded in September.

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Can the PCC please explain how this group work will be monitored in terms of targets and KPI's, given only very recently adverts were placed out by WAIS suggesting they needed to start the groups quickly, aiming to start in January, due to the funding commitments; therefore indicating that the groups had not yet started – so for three months the allocated £125,000 will be used to deliver this work. Can the PCC please explain how this £125,000 has been utilised in a breakdown? Could the PCC also explain what actions will be taken if the monitoring and performance do not meet the agreed KPI's.

The contract will be managed in accordance with East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit's standard terms and conditions. In line with the terms and conditions, the specification in the Request for Proposals that was openly advertised on www.bluelight.gov.uk detailed the activities required and forms the basis on the contract. Payment milestones were agreed to be paid on successful completion of each stage.

The work began in September 2014, not January 2015. There is a rolling programme of group courses.

We awarded WAIS a contract of £124,984. We are unable to provide a breakdown as it is commercially sensitive.

When providers do not meet their KPIs we work with them to understand why and agree what can be done to mitigate underperformance and agree variations to contract if appropriate. This is done on a case by case basis.

Given the PCC were awarded a total of £228,175 in total for this DSV work via the MOJ competed fund, can the PCC please explain where the outstanding amounts of £103,175 have been allocated to and how and when this was decided if no competitive process was applied.

The budget for the competed fund is as follows:

- Project 1: £17,600 to develop and pilot a new healthy relationship programme aimed at young people;
- Project 2: £75,000 for teen survivors of domestic abuse; and
- Project 3: £135,575 to deliver a series of healthy relationship and therapeutic programmes for survivors of domestic abuse.

The budgets for projects 1 and 3 included funding for an independent evaluation.

Project 1: £12,450 of PCC Competed Fund funding to deliver Project 1 was awarded to Equation. The provider needed to have in place a strong relationship with a number of community development professionals and Equation already had the relationships and the necessary expertise in place. The remaining funding will be included in a competitive tender for an independent evaluation yet to be published.

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Project 2: the PCC had already previously agreed, as part of the application process for the 2014-5 Community Safety Fund, to fund with MoJ funding two teen survivor projects run by Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and WAIS. However, budget limitations meant that the projects could not be fully funded to meet the need or to support all the young women in the county requiring support. The PCC Competed Fund provided £25,000 funding for each project, expanded the service into south Nottinghamshire to ensure countywide coverage and released the PCC's MoJ funding to spend on other initiatives to get ready for victims' services commissioning. There was no tendering process as the two providers, WAIS and Nottinghamshire Women's Aid, had already gone through a competitive grants application process for the projects.

Project 3: the majority of the budget was included in the Request for Proposals for the Rights and Recovery project. The remaining budget will be included in a competitive tender for an independent evaluation yet to be published.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Gilmour'.

Lisa Gilmour
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Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Wade, Nicola

From: Worthington-Allen, Lorraine
Sent: 15 August 2014 11:20
Subject: Requirement for a Nottinghamshire Rights and Recovery Project

Hi,

I have been asked by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to personally notify you that we have advertised a requirement for the provision of a Rights and Recovery Project.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, "the Commissioner", has a wide remit to cut crime and improve community safety in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 sets out the Commissioner's intentions to achieve safer communities and improve trust and confidence in high quality policing by reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, ensuring fairer treatment of victims and citizens and demonstrating using public resources wisely. The plan includes a specific commitment to "protect, support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people".

The Commissioner has secured funding from Ministry of Justice to deliver a Rights and Recovery project. The project aims to support female survivors of domestic abuse to cope with and recover from the harm they have experienced from domestic abuse. It will do this by:

1. delivering 20 healthy relationship programmes in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire for female survivors of domestic abuse. This will include 5 specialist courses specifically for women from South Asian communities, older women, lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and women with mental ill health and complex needs; and
2. piloting the delivery of therapeutic group based courses, delivered by accredited counsellors, for survivors who have attended a healthy relationship programme.

Full details of this requirement and the Request for Proposal have been advertised and will need to be responded to via the following e-tendering portal:

www.bluelight.gov.uk

Advert ID: 9MRK-DKUYNK

Buyer: East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit

Title: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RIGHTS AND RECOVERY PROJECT

If you are not currently registered as a supplier on this website you can do so by selecting the Register Company option from the left hand menu.

If you have any problems using this site please contact Bluelight directly: bladmin@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Kind regards,

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