

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Extension of Victim Support contract and follow up from independent review of victims services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In January 2015 the PCC part-awarded a contract to Victim Support to deliver an integrated victim support service to support all victims of crime and anti-social behaviour, identity theft, road traffic collisions and hate incidents. The contract ran for the period 1 April to 31 December 2015. In addition, the PCC awarded a contract to Remedi to deliver victim-initiated restorative justice support and grant funded services to support specific groups of very vulnerable victims such as victims with mental ill health and complex needs and elderly repeat victims of scams and fraud.

The PCC was concerned that the above services were insufficiently targeted to the victims who need the most help. The services do not provide best value for money and the historic referral mechanism to victims' services from Nottinghamshire Police is inefficient. He therefore commissioned a wide ranging independent review of victims' services. The review has recommended a new delivery model. The PCC wishes to consult stakeholders on the new model and to ensure that there is well managed transition from the current to the new model. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is unable to begin procurement of a new service until after the PCC elections in May 2016. In order to allow follow up from the independent review and sufficient time for consultation and procurement, the PCC is requested to agree:

1. Consultancy time: to pay for additional consultancy time for work related to the review. The cost is £1,462.50, to be paid for from the Community Safety Grant;
2. Victims' services conference: to pay for a victims' stakeholder conference to consult on the new victim service model. The conference will take place on 1 March. A budget of up to £4,000 is requested, to be paid for from the Community Safety Grant;
3. Extension of Victim Support's contract: to extend the current Victim Support from 1 January to 31 December 2016, subject to confirmation of both the PCC's 2016-7 settlement from Government and the MoJ Victims' Services Grant for 2016-7. The value for January to March 2016 is up to £137,278, to be funded by 50% MoJ Victims' Services Grant and 50% Community Safety Grant.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

Additional consultancy time is requested to produce reports of the individual elements of the review tailored to different audiences. Whilst the consultants have produced a full report, some parts of it relate to efficiencies within the current Victim Support service, which are commercially sensitive and must not be published. The consultancy time spent on producing individual reports will preserve the independence of the review. The amount requested is within 5% of the original

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consultancy contract value.

Many stakeholders and victims were consulted as part of the review. It is important that the concept of the new model is tested with providers and stakeholders, and that they have the opportunity to influence its shape. The conference will create the space for this to happen.

Procurement and legal advice on Victim Support's contract extension has been sought which has reported that as:

- the contract length falls within the original published contract lifetime (2 + 1 + 1);
- the original specification is unchanged; and
- the purpose of the extension is fundamentally to allow sufficient handover;

the PCC may, under Regulation 72(1)(e) / Regulation 72(8), lawfully extend the contract without a new procurement procedure.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

The funding required for the additional consultancy time and the conference is revenue and is already budgeted for in 2015-6 as part of the Community Safety budget.

The funding for the extension of the Victim Support service for the period January – March 2016 is already budgeted and will be paid for by MoJ Victims' Services Grant (50%) and community safety grant (50%).

The extension from 1 April to 31 December 2016 has been offered to Victim Support but will not be confirmed until the PCC receives confirmation of his 2016-7 Home Office settlement and MoJ Victims' Services Grant from Government.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 22nd January 2016.

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	✓
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

DECISION:

For the PCC to agree to:

1. pay for additional consultancy time for work related to the review. The cost is £1,462.50, to be paid for from the Community Safety Grant;
2. pay for and host a victims' stakeholder conference to consult on the new victim service model. The conference will take place on 1 March. A budget of up to £4,000 is requested, to be paid for from the Community Safety Grant;
3. extend the current Victim Support from 1 January to 31 December 2016, subject to

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confirmation of both the PCC's 2016-7 settlement from Government and the MoJ Victims' Services Grant for 2016-7. The value for January to March 2016 is up to £137,278, to be funded by 50% MoJ Victims' Services Grant and 50% Community Safety Grant.

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

Date:

20/1/16

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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:



Date:

28/1/16

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