

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

### Notice of Decision



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**POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**

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<b>For Decision or Information</b>	Decision
<b>Date received*:</b>	15.12.2017
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\*to be inserted by Office of PCC

**TITLE: Procurement of ISVA and CHISVA sexual violence support services 2018-20**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Independent Sexual Violence Advisers and Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs and CHISVAs) provide impartial information, advice, practical and emotional support and advocacy to survivors of sexual violence. ISVAs also support survivors through the Criminal Justice System.

In Nottinghamshire, two ISVAs covering the city and county are employed by Notts SVS Services. They support survivors through the Criminal Justice System only. Other help for victims and survivors is available from two Support Co-ordinators at SARC, also employed by Notts SVS Services, provide a range of ISVA support functions. Both the ISVAs and the Support Co-ordinator services are under significant strain, with very high caseloads and waiting lists in operation.

In addition to the ISVA and Support Co-ordinator service, the Senior Management Group has funded a Survivor Support Service (see Decision Notice 2017.057) which is dedicated to meeting the needs of survivors of non-recent abuse which took place in institutional care.

The PCC recently commissioned independent sexual violence consultancy Lime Culture to investigate and report on the support needs of survivors and the evidence base for best practice services. Lime Culture conducted a literature review, hosted a stakeholder event and gathered stakeholder views. ISVA was highlighted as a key gap in service and Lime Culture made a recommendation for commissioners to work together to commission a new properly funded ISVA service.

The PCC is requested to agree:

1. To commission new ISVA and CHISVA sexual violence support services through the publication of an invitation to tender (ITT) managed by East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit (EMSCU);
2. That the ITT will consist of two lots, one for adults and one for children and young people under 18;
3. To incorporate the existing Survivor Support Service into the new ISVA sexual violence support service, as a ring-fenced element of the service;
4. To contribute up to £260k pa for the adult ISVA support service and up to £120k pa for the CHISVA children and young people's support service. This will be funded by £13,334 each from the City and County Councils for the Survivor Support Service for 2018-9, £50,000pa from the County Council, £66,533 Violence Against Women and Girls Transformation Fund via the City Council, £149,467 from MoJ Victims' Services Grant and £74,000 Community Safety Grant.



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

Current services are fragmented and not available to all victims and survivors who may wish to receive access help. There is almost no support for children and young people. In addition, the current ISVA service is under significant strain, with each ISVA carrying caseloads well over the recommended suggested maximum of 60. In addition, many survivors are not being offered support, nor are they

Other counties in the East Midlands have significantly higher rates of ISVA:

<b>County</b>	<b>CHISVA</b>	<b>ISVA</b>	<b>Total</b>
Derbyshire	1.6	6.2	7.8
Leicestershire	2.0	7.0	9.0
Lincolnshire	3.5	3.5	7.0
Northamptonshire	2.0	4.0	6.0
<b>Nottinghamshire*</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>

\* includes Support Co-ordinators whose functions fit within the ISVA definition.

The ISVA service has been designed to bring together the current fragmented support (ISVA, Support Co-ordinator and Survivor Support Service) into one service which will be able to provide a single point of contact for victims and survivors and help them address their most pressing needs. It will aid victims and survivors to cope and recover from harm.

Specification 30 of Section 7a of the agreement between the Secretary of State for Health and NHS England (Public Health functions to be exercised by NHS England) sets out roles and responsibilities in relation to Sexual Assault Referral Centres. It includes roles for:

- PCCs to commission Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) crisis workers and SARC operational management with NHSE
- PCCs and local authorities to commission ISVA support
- CCGS to commission therapeutic support for recent and non-recent sexual assault
- PCCs to commission victim support services
- Local authorities to commission crisis/social workers for children, young people and vulnerable adults including ISVAs.

An options appraisal was conducted to identify the level of ISVA required. This looked at reported crime (demand), current take up of service (presenting need) and estimated the likely number of ISVA required, based on maximum recommended caseloads. The PCC then sought funding from partners to help fund the Service. The County Council has agreed to contribute to the service. Further funding was identified from within the PCC's community safety and commissioning budget.

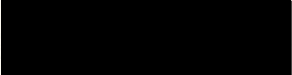


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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION** (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings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

The funding is revenue and is in budget. Whilst new funding for the service is required, it has been identified from underspend, reprioritisation of community safety activity and redesign of the SV pathway.

Signature:   
**Chief Finance Officer**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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


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#### **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.

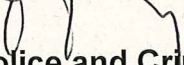
Signature:   
**Chief Executive**

Date: 20/12/17

#### **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 and Crime Commissioner**

Date: 21/12/17

\*\* See guidance on non public information

