Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Procurement of a sexual violence and abuse needs assessment and tender award

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC is asked to approve the funding, procurement and contract award for a sexual violence and abuse needs assessment.

Following recent co-commissioning of sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) and independent sexual violence adviser (ISVA) services, the PCC has been working closely with clinical commissioning groups, local authorities and NHS England/NHS Improvement – Midlands ("NHSE/NHSI") to develop a joint commissioning approach for specialist voluntary sector sexual violence and abuse counselling and other therapeutic support.

The PCC and NHSE/NHSI, with survivors' help, wish to co-commission a sexual violence and abuse mental, physical and sexual health and social and economic needs assessment (hitherto referred to as a "needs assessment"). It will be used by commissioners and survivors to co-design new support services.

A request for proposals was published on Bluelight in June 2019 and the tender process supported by East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit (EMSCU). Two bids were received and evaluated against published criteria by a panel including the OPCC and NHSE/NHSI. The winning bid, from Lime Culture, scored higher marks on quality and price.

The PCC is therefore asked to approve:

1. The publication of a tender of up to £30,000 to deliver the sexual violence and abuse needs assessment
2. The award of contract to deliver the needs assessment to Lime Culture to a value of £28,950, of which £14,475 will be funded by NHSE/NHSEI and £14,475 will be funded by the PCC's community safety grant.

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

A joint commissioning approach should be underpinned by a robust needs assessment. Whilst needs assessments informed the commissioning of the sexual assault referral centres ("SARCs"), and further independent research informed the Independent Sexual Violence Adviser ("ISVA") commissioning, there is no existing needs assessment which includes the broad range of mental, physical and sexual health and social and economic needs of survivors in Nottinghamshire. In particular, through discussion with survivors, local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and NHSE/NHSI, it has become clear that there is an urgent need to identify the wide ranging health needs of survivors and how they are best met. NHSE/NHSI has recognised that a needs

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assessment to consider health needs is required and has therefore agreed to co-commission the assessment.

The tender process was conducted by EMSCU in line with the PCC's Standing Orders.

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 requested is revenue and is in budget. 40% of the marks available to score the bids received was be determined by tender value.

The cost is being shared by NHS England.

Signature: [redacted] Date: 4th October 2019.
Chief Finance Officer

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**				

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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: Ken Dennis Date: 14/10/19.
Chief Executive

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: 17/10/19
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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