

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
Date received*:	04.10.19
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Additional support for adult survivors of non recent child sexual abuse affected by the publication of the Independent Inquiry in Child Sexual Abuse's Nottinghamshire report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) held a formal investigation in October 2018 into the abuse experienced by children in the care of Nottinghamshire Councils. IICSA's Nottinghamshire report was published in July 2019.

Support services for adult survivors of non recent child sexual abuse have been in place for some time. However, survivors reported to the PCC and to local authorities that the publication of the report would be very distressing and additional support would likely be required.

On behalf of the IICSA Chief Officers' Group, the OPCC consulted with survivors who requested out of hours telephone support and further help from the Survivor Support Service. Following further discussion, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council agreed to provide up to £25k between them to put in place the following support:

- Out of hours telephone support from 8pm to midnight for the two weeks following the publication of the report
- Additional staff time in the Survivor Support Service to help new survivors accessing the service.

The PCC is requested to agree to vary Notts SVS Services' contract for the ISVA/Survivor Support service by up to £25,000 for 2019-0, to fund out of hours telephone support for two weeks and additional staff time in the Survivor Support Service. The arrangement will operate on an open book basis and will be funded by up to £25,000, to be shared by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

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

Survivors requested this support. Other options were considered for the delivery of out of hours support. However, CSA survivors specifically requested that the temporary support be delivered by Notts SVS Services. In addition, Notts SVS Services staff already have the skills and experience to support CSA survivors, organisational experience of delivering an out of hours crisis service and can offer a seamless pathway into the Survivor Support Service.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if it is 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

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there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

Revenue funding is requested. The amounts requested will be paid for by funding from the City and County Council. The arrangement with the provider that it will be paid on an open book basis, to ensure best use of funding.

Signature: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 4th October 2019,

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information?**

Yes

No

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If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**

DECISION:

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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: 14/10/19.

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: 17/10/19

** See guidance on non public information