Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Notice of Decision

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Sexual Violence Mental Health Practitioner Pilot – Contract Award Recommendation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC wishes to implement the recommendations in his 2019 Sexual Violence Needs Assessment. One of the recommendations was that commissioners should ensure that: "survivors have access to mental health assessments within specialist SV services to avoid survivors having to access support through GPs, accurately identify the level of need in relation to mental health and be able to be referred into NHS mental health services when appropriate".

Following the Needs Assessment the PCC secured funding from NHS England for a mental health nurse.

In order to best meet the recommendation, OPCC officers recommend that the PCC award a contract to Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to recruit and employ a SVA Mental Health Practitioner who will be seconded into specialist SVA services. This will be a 15 month pilot.

The SVA Mental Health Practitioner will provide a defined level of specialist assessment and access to mental health interventions for sexual violence survivors; and raise awareness and build capacity of staff and volunteers in working with survivors with mental ill health. Learning from the pilot will be captured to inform future provision.

The PCC is requested to approve awarding a contract to Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust worth £59,556 from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 to pay for the cost of the SVA MH Practitioner. This will be paid by £59,375 from NHS England High Volume Fund and £181 from Community Safety Grant.

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

In 2019, the PCC) and NHSE/I commissioned a Needs Assessment for Sexual Violence and Abuse Survivors in Nottinghamshire. It includes recommendations to commission a specialist SVA hub for adults including a mental health nurse, and to review and re-commission therapy for sexual violence survivors.

Later in 2019 the PCC secured NHS England High Volume Fund money to pay for the 15 month pilot of a Mental Health Practitioner to be based within specialist SVA services. Recruitment began in January 2020 however was unsuccessful. The Covid 19 pandemic then caused further substantial delays. The pilot is now going ahead. The intention is for Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to recruit and employ a Band 6 Mental Health Practitioner who will be seconded into the PCC's commissioned SVA provider Notts SVS Services.

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OPCC recommend that the Practitioner is employed by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, in order to be able to make seamless referrals into the full range of NHS secondary mental health services. There is no other supplier in Nottinghamshire which is able to do this.

Learning from the pilot will be captured and discussed with the Clinical Commissioning Groups to inform future provision.

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.

Signature: [redacted]
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 8th March 2021

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:

The PCC is requested to approve the following:

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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: 9/3/21.

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: 10/3/21

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