

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
Date received*:	09.03.21
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Domestic Abuse Partnership Car Pilot

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The PCC and Nottinghamshire Police wish to pilot a "Domestic Abuse Partnership Car" initiative. The initiative will involve domestic abuse support workers from the specialist support agencies accompanying police officers as a secondary response to calls where survivors do not want to engage with police officers. The pilot will run for a year from 1 April 2021 on Friday and Saturday nights in Ashfield and Mansfield. The model is based on an initiative in West Yorkshire which has improved criminal justice outcomes as well as survivors' engagement with support services.

Nottinghamshire Police will provide the dedicated car and officers for the calls. The PCC is requested to fund the cost of the specialist workers. The workers will be provided by the commissioned county north and south domestic abuse providers, Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and Juno Women's Aid. They will engage with survivors, conduct a DASH risk assessment, safety plan, provide immediate support for the survivor and any family members in need and link survivors into wider services.

The PCC is requested to approve the following funding of £47,013 in total to pay for the cost of the specialist workers, to be paid for by Community Safety Grant and awarded as follows:

£23,966 to Juno Women's Aid
£23,047 to Nottinghamshire Women's Aid

The PCC funding for the initiative will be given to the County Council, as the lead commissioner for domestic abuse, under the terms of the PCC and Nottinghamshire County Council Inter Authority Agreement. The County Council will call off the support under its Domestic Abuse Framework Agreement.

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

Nottinghamshire Police agreed the initiative as part of its annual budget planning process in 2020. PCC funding was agreed in principle, however Covid related lockdowns and pressures on commissioned services meant that the initiative was delayed. The initiative now aims to begin in April 2021. It will operate in Ashfield and Mansfield, which have the two highest rates of domestic abuse call outs.

The pilot will capture learning during the year, including the increase in criminal justice outcomes and any reduction in repeat call outs.
The contracts will be called off under Nottinghamshire County Council's domestic abuse framework

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contract.

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: 
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 10th March 2021

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**

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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: 15/3/21

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.

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Signature:  Date: 16/3/21
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