

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	04.08.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.079

TITLE:	Support for victims of non domestic stalking – extension of pilot October 2021 to March 2022
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As outlined in Notice of Decision 2020.069, the former PCC agreed to extend a pilot project to support victims of non domestic stalking. The pilot funds specialist stalking support delivered by Equation, Juno and Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and the development of training seminars to raise awareness of the service. The pilot extension was due to finish in September 2021.

In May 2021 Caroline Henry was elected as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire. Commissioner Henry is conducting a series of listening events over the summer of 2021, the outcome of these events will inform the new Police and Crime Plan and future commissioning priorities. In the meantime, the Commissioner does not wish to see any loss of support for vulnerable people and therefore wishes to extend the pilot by a final 6 months to ensure that specialist support continues.

The stalking advocacy service is delivered by Juno Women's Aid, covering the city and county south, Nottinghamshire Women's Aid, covering the county north and Equation, providing support to male victims and training for professionals. Part time specialist stalking advocates provide support. Juno Women's Aid requires additional resource to meet the higher level of referrals they are receiving and a small increase in funding is requested to fund additional staff time.

The Commissioner is requested to agree the following:

1. To extend the non domestic stalking pilot until 31 March 2022;
2. To extend her contract with Juno Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support in the city and county south from 1 October 2021 until 31 March 2022, providing an additional £20,500 of funding.
3. To extend her contract with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support in the county north from 1 October until 31 March 2022, providing an additional £12,500 of funding.
4. To put a new grant agreement in place with Equation from 1 October until 31 March 2022 to provide male stalking support and develop and deliver online non domestic stalking training provision, awarding funding of up to £6,397.60 for this period.

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This is a total of £39,397.60 of new funding which will be paid for out of Community Safety Grant.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

The pilot began in July 2019, however the first three months of the pilot were for implementation, with support for police referrals only initially provided. The service launched formally in November 2019. Referrals were slow but began to increase until March 2020, when Covid restrictions meant that referrals reduced very significantly. The pilot was extended until September 2021 to allow time for roll out of the training and for Covid restrictions to ease.

Following her election in May 2021, Commissioner Henry has a statutory duty to consult on and produce a new Police and Crime Plan. Her listening events will take place over the summer of 2021 and will inform future commissioning priorities. In this context the Commissioner is unable to [re-tender commission](#) the stalking service [at this current time](#). Extension of the pilot allows time for the service to be properly reviewed, with the findings brought together with the new Police and Crime Plan priorities, and an open procurement exercise if appropriate.

The funding provided will add to existing funding already awarded for this service as follows:

Stalking Advocacy Service costs

	2019-0	2020-1	2021-2	Total
	£	£	£	£
Juno - female support city and county south	18,750	25,000	33,000	76,750
NWA - female support county north	18,750	25,000	25,000	68,750
Equation - male support and delivery of awareness raising seminars	4,750	5,253	12,795	22,799
Total				168,299


Legal advice has been sought and is as follows:

Due to the specific nature of the contract (a service for potentially vulnerable people and or people who may be at high risk of harm) and due to the knock on effect that the Covid-19 pandemic had on referrals to this service a short extension could be enacted under regulation 32 (c) of the PCR 2015. This extension would ensure that the services continue to be performed with no disruption and allows time for the listening events to be carried out and a new procurement exercise to be undertaken if required.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is total revenue funding of £39,397.60 and will come from the 2021.22 Community Safety Grant.

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Signature: Chief Finance Officer	
Date:	9 th August 2021

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DECISION:				
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LEGAL SERVICES OPINION:
<p>Due to the specific nature of the contract (a service for potentially vulnerable people and or people who may be at high risk of harm) and due to the knock on effect that the Covid-19 pandemic had on referrals to this service a short extension could be enacted under regulation 32 (c) of the PCR 2015. This extension would ensure that the services continue to be performed with no disruption and allows time for the listening events to be carried out and a new procurement exercise to be undertaken if required.</p> <p>The Light Touch Regime (LTR) procurement procedure was also considered as the relevant threshold for those services is £663,540 (including health/social services which the non domestic advocacy stalking services could form part of). For information purposes, if the contract value of the relevant services falls below £663,540 the contract is not caught by the public procurement rules.</p>

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Signature:	 Recoverable Signature  <hr/> S K Sangha Signed by: sabrina.sangha@derbyshire.police.uk
Date:	05.08.2021

DECLARATION:	
<p>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:</p> <p>The above request has my approval</p>	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	11.8.21