

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	03/03/2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.026

TITLE:	Women and Girls Research – Extension to Agreement and Provision of Therapeutic Support for Participants
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to Decision Notice 2021.084 research is currently be undertaken buy Equation with girls and young women to understand their experience of serious violence and exploitation. Linked to this research the Commissioner is requested to confirm her approval for the following:

- An extension to the research agreement with Equation to provide them with a further 6 months to complete the research (there is no additional cost associated with his).
- Up to £1,000 to be awarded to Imara for the provision of therapeutic support for girls aged under 18 who require support following involvement in the research;
- Up to £1,000 to be awarded to Nottingham Women’s Centre for the provision of therapeutic support for women aged 18 or over who require support following involvement in the research.

Funding will come from the VRU core budget.

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

Further to Decision Notice 2021.084 a research agreement was put in place with Equation for the provision of engagement with girls and young women to understand their experience of serious violence and exploitation. This research was commissioned as an outcome of the 2020/21 Strategic Needs Assessment. This research was due to be concluded in March 2022 however due to COVID restrictions there have been some delays with this research and as such the agreement has been extended with the research now due to be concluded in September 2022 (at no additional costs).

As part of the research it has been acknowledged that there is a likelihood that some participants may have unresolved trauma that resurfaces as a result of their shared experiences and in preparation for this the Steering Group have recommended support in the form of therapy sessions. It is not anticipated that numbers who require support will be very large but there isa

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need to ensure there are appropriate pathways in place for anyone who does require this support. Professional opinion is that in many cases one session may be all that is required or wanted but the Steering Group consider it appropriate to provide up to 4 sessions and then to transition into mainstream services if necessary.

In order to ensure consistency the preference locally is that this support is provided by the existing commissioned therapy providers in order to ensure that holistic support for young women is quality assured and well embedded within local, support services. As such agreements with Imara (for provision of support to under 18s) and Nottingham Women's Centre (for provision to support 18s and over) have been put in place.

This provision will ensure quality engagement with research participants in terms of information obtained, trust built, and ethical standards achieved, access to support and safeguarding of the welfare of the research participants by ensuring they are not left to deal with any triggers raised in the interview by themselves.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This relates to up to £2,000 revenue funding which will come from the VRU core budget.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer



Date:

03/03/2022

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

Yes

No

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

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** See guidance on non-public information

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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**

S. M. Goddell

Date:

11/04/2022

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
& Crime Commissioner**

Caroline Henry

Date:

08/05/2022