

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	09.03.22
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.033

TITLE:	Support for victims of non domestic stalking – extension of pilot April 2022 to March 2023
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As outlined in Decision Notices 2020.069 and 2021.079 the PCC currently supports 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 is currently due to end on 31st March 2022.

Due to capacity issues it has not been possible to undertake a full review of this service and consider a way forward for the future. As a result, in order to allow time for this review to be undertaken the Commissioner is requested to approve a further extension of this pilot from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. This will ensure that there is no loss of support for vulnerable people.

The Commissioner is therefore requested to agree the following:

- To extend the non domestic staling pilot until the 31st March 2023;
- To extend the contract with Juno Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support in the city and county south from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, providing an additional £37,853 of funding;
- To extend the contract with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support in the county north from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, providing an additional £25,000 of funding;
- To put a new grant agreement in place with Equation from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 to provide male stalking support and develop and deliver online non domestic stalking training provision, awarding funding of up to £12,795 for this period.

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

The stalking advocacy pilot 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.

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 2022, when covid restrictions meant that referrals

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reduced very significantly. The pilot was then extended until September 2021 to allow time for roll out of training and for Covid restrictions to ease. The pilot was then subsequently extended until March 2022 to allow time for the new Police and Crime Commissioner to carry out her listening events to help inform her Police and Crime Plan and future commissioning priorities.

The intention was to undertake a full review of the pilot during the last extension period to help inform the way forward. Due to capacity issues it has not been possible to undertake this review. As a result, in order to allow time for this review to be undertaken the Commissioner is requested to approve a further extension of this pilot from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. This will ensure that there is no loss of support for vulnerable people.

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

	2019-0	2020-1	2021-2	2022-3	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Juno – female support city and county south	18,750	25,000	33,000	37,853	114,603
NWA – female support county north	18,750	25,000	25,000	25,000	93,750
Equation – male support and delivery of awareness raising seminars	4,750	5,253	12,795	12,795	35,593
					243,946

Legal advice has been sought and agreed that this extension can be undertaken under Regulation 32 (c) of the PCR 2015 to ensure there is no disruption to the services whilst a full review is undertaken and any subsequent procurement activity can be carried out (if required).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is total revenue funding of £75,648 and will come from the 2022.23 Community Safety Grant.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer



Date:

10/03/2022

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**

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

S. M. Goddell

Date:

10.03.22

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:

17.03.22