



Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	07/10/2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.005

TITLE:	Nottingham Trent University (NTU) Evaluation of the U Turn intervention
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision form seeks approval of a Single Tender Waiver in order to directly award £19,947 to Nottingham Trent University for the provision of an evaluation of the U Turn intervention. This intervention has been jointly delivered by Inspire and Achieve Foundation (IAF) and Norman Galloway Homes (NGH), funded by the Home Office through the Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).

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

A process evaluation of the core U Turn Intervention by Dr Andy Newton at NTU was commissioned independently by the Inspire and Achieve Foundation as part of their initial contract. The aim was to explore the extent to which the U turn intervention was implemented as intended with a mixed methods study to include (i) quantitative analysis of outcomes (where feasible – this is a retrospective evaluation design); (ii) qualitative semi-structured interviews with those who attended programme; and (iii) semi-structured interviews with mentors. This process evaluation being particularly pertinent given the impact of Covid-19 during the implementation period of the planned activity.

On 30th July 2021, the Home Office agreed to additional grant funding to augment the existing U Turn provision. This was to include a holistic support package for young offenders, including mentorship, new skills, changing perspectives, secure accommodation, work experience and employment.

The VRU have committed to the Home Office to meet a minimum spend on evaluation including the U Turn additionality. As NTU are already evaluating the core U Turn project there are clear benefits to be achieved from having the same evaluator looking at the provision in its entirety and therefore a Single Tender Waiver is proposed. This will provide a consistent approach to the research and evaluation and continuation of the positive working relationship and data capture arrangements already established between the delivery partners and Dr Andy Newton.

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Legal advice has been sought which has suggested the single tender award is appropriate for the reasons listed above and the fact that the financial value of the proposed contract is below threshold.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is revenue spend of £19,947 which is within budget and will come from the VRU Home Office U Turn Interventions grant.

Signature:
Chief Finance Officer



Date:

11/01/2022

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:

This decision form seeks approval of a Single Tender Waiver in order to directly award £19,947 to Nottingham Trent University for the provision of an evaluation of the U Turn intervention in its entirety.

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:

14/01/2022

** See guidance on non-public information

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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



Date:

26/01/2022