

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	24.04.23
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.045

<b>TITLE:</b>	Non-Domestic Stalking – Extension to Contract
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As outlined in Notice of Decision 2020.069 and 2021.079 the former PCC agreed to implement and then later extend a pilot project set up to support victims of non-domestic stalking. Commissioner Henry has also since approved the extension of such project (see DR 2022.033), and the contracts with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid, Juno Women's Aid and Equation are due to terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

A review of the pilot project was undertaken at the start of 2023 with a recommendation for the service to continue to be provided in Nottingham with a single provider. As a result, there is currently a live tender process in place for the new single service to start on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

In order to maintain the support for victims in the interim, the PCC is requested to agree the following:

1. To extend the non-domestic stalking pilot until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023;
2. To extend the contract with Juno Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support in the city and county south from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, providing an additional £18,926.50 of funding.
3. To extend the contract with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to deliver specialist stalking support in the county north from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, providing an additional £12,500.00 of funding.
4. To put a new grant agreement in place with Equation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to provide male stalking support and deliver online non-domestic stalking training provision, awarding funding of up to £6,397.50 for this period.

This is a total of up to £37,824 new funding which will be paid for out of the 2023/24 grants and commissioning budget.

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### 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 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.

A further extension from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was undertaken in order to allow time for a review to be undertaken to determine the way forward. A review of the pilot was undertaken at the start of 2023 with a recommendation for the service to continue to be provided in Nottingham with a single provider. As a result, there is currently a live tender process in place for the new single service to start on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

As a result in order to ensure no loss of service for vulnerable individuals the commissioner is requested to approve a final extension from April 2023 to September 2023 whilst the procurement activity takes place.

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

	2019-0	2020-1	2021-2	2022-3	2023-4	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Juno – female support city and county south	18,750	25,000	33,000	37,853	18,926.50	<b>133,529.50</b>
NWA – female support county north	18,750	25,000	25,000	25,000	12,500	<b>106,250.00</b>
Equation – male support and delivery of awareness raising seminars	4,750	5,253	12,795	12,795	6,397.50	<b>41,990.50</b>
						<b>281,770.00</b>

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 revenue funding of £37,824 and will come from the 2023/24 grants and commissioning budget.

**Signature:**  
Chief Finance  
Officer


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**Date:**

25/04/23

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Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
<b>DECISION:</b>				
<p>The Commissioner is requested to agree the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To extend the non-domestic stalking service until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023;</li> <li>To extend her contract with Juno Women's Aid to continue to deliver specialist stalking support in the city and county south from 1st April 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, providing an additional £18,926.50 of funding.</li> <li>To extend her contract with Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to continue to deliver specialist stalking support in the county north from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, providing an additional £12,500.00 of funding.</li> <li>To put a new grant agreement in place with Equation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to continue to provide male stalking support and deliver online non-domestic stalking training provision, awarding funding of up to £6,397.50 for this period.</li> </ol> <p>This is a total of up to £37,824 new funding which will be paid for out of 2023/24 grants and commissioning budget.</p>				

<b>OFFICER APPROVAL:</b>	
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.	
<b>Signature: Deputy Monitoring Officer:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	27.04.23

<b>DECLARATION:</b>	
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	
<b>Signature: Nottinghamshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</b>	

\*\* See guidance on non-public information

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<b>Date:</b>	28/04/23
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