

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
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TITLE:	Co-commissioning of Domestic Abuse Support Services in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Domestic Abuse Support Services – Nottingham City

In 2015 the former PCC agreed a co-commissioning approach with Nottingham City Council (NCC), where the City Council would act as the lead commissioner for domestic abuse support services in the city on behalf of the PCC, City Council and Clinical Commissioning Group. This is covered in the Partnership Agreement which is governed by the DSV (Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse) Joint Commissioning Group.

The previous contracts ran for 3 years and expired in March 2022. This is outlined in the Notice of Decision reference 2019.023. A 2-year extension was agreed to expire in March 2024. A further extension was agreed to expire in March 2025. The Partnership Agreement between the PCC and the City Council outlines the core Domestic Abuse Support Services which are funded by the PCC and NCC and these are:

- Female DA Support Services
- Male DA Support Services
- Helpline
- MARAC IDVA
- Additional MARAC Administration

The female services are provided by Juno Women's Aid for survivors living within the city boundary. The male services are provided by Equation for survivors living within the city boundary.

A retrospective decision is required for funding for financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24, and a decision for 2024/25.

The financial breakdown is as follows:

Services	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Female DA Support Services	£ 222,886	£ 222,886	£ 222,886

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Male DA Support Services	£ 49,000	£ 49,000	£ 49,000
Helpline	£ 71,245	£ 71,245	£ 71,245
MARAC IDVA	£ 76,038	£ 76,038	£0.00
MARAC Administration	£ 972.75	£ 972.75	£ 972.75
Total	£ 420,141.75	£ 420,141.75	£ 344,103.75

Domestic Abuse Support Services – Nottinghamshire County North/South

As outlined in Notice of Decision 2020.007, the PCC agreed to co-commission domestic abuse support services in the county with Nottinghamshire County Council, with the County Council acting as the lead commissioner under the umbrella of an Inter Authority Agreement.

An invitation to tender was published in September 2019. The tender was a framework agreement which included 3 lots:

- Lot 1: Support Services in South Nottinghamshire
- Lot 2: Support Services in North Nottinghamshire
- Lot 3: Provision of Prevention, Promotion and Training

One bid was received for each lot. Each bid was evaluated by a panel of County Council and OPCC staff, with each meeting the quality and financial thresholds.

The contracts were awarded in 2020 for 4 years, with an option to extend for a further 4 years. An extension has been agreed within the Inter Authority Agreement between the County Council and PCC until March 2025.

The female services are provided by Juno Women's Aid for survivors living within the county south boundary. The female services are provided by Nottinghamshire Women's Aid (NWA) for survivors living within the county north boundary. The male services are provided by Equation for survivors living within the county south and county north boundary.

The PCC is requested to approve funding for financial years 2024/25.

The financial breakdown is as follows:

Services	2024/25
DA North (NWA)	203,905.71
DA South (Juno)	203,905.71
Helpline (Juno)	29,803.81
Prevention, Promotion, Training (Equation)	9,523.81
Admin charge 5%	22,356.95
Total	£469,495.99

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IDVA Uplifts – MOJ Funding (City, County North, County South)

In 2021, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) awarded the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) with additional funding for Domestic Abuse support services in Nottingham city and across the county. A number of Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVA) posts across commissioned Domestic Abuse support services were funded by the grant. The previous contracts ran for 2 years and expired in March 2023. This is outlined in the Notice of Decision reference 2021.056.

Further funding was agreed with the MOJ until March 2025 and is reflected in the agreements between the PCC and Nottingham City and County Council. The services are currently being provided by Juno for female IDVAs in the city and county south, Nottinghamshire Women's Aid (NWA) for female IDVAs in the county north and Equation for male IDVAs across the city and the county.

The financial breakdown is as follows:

	2023/24	2024/25
MOJ Female IDVA Uplift 1 North	£105,170.00	£105,170.00
MOJ Female IDVA Uplift 1 South	£123,299.55	£123,299.55
MOJ Male IDVA Uplift 1 North	£32,900.25	£32,900.25
MOJ Male IDVA Uplift 1 South	£32,900.25	£32,900.25
MOJ Female IDVA Uplift 1 City	£123,299.55	£123,299.55
MOJ Male IDVA Uplift 1 City	£33,897.22	£33,897.22
Total	£451,466.82	£451,466.82

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

Supporting victims of crime is one of the PCC's main priorities along with tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

The contracts were put in place Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council in line with procurement procedures and are outlined in the Partnership Agreements between the PCC and each county. Contracts from 1 April 2024 will be called off compliantly via the new agreements.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The funding is within the commissioning budget. A decision is requested to continue funding domestic abuse services across the city and county.

The total funding to be agreed retrospectively for 2022/23 is £420,141.75.
The total funding to be agreed retrospectively for 2023/24 is £871,608.57.

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The total funding to be agreed for 2024/25 is £1,265,066.56.

The total for the city is £1,184,387.25 for financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The total for the county is £469,495.99 for financial year 2024/25.

The total for the MOJ IDVA uplifts is £902,933.64 for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer

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Date:

14.03.24

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:

The PCC is requested to agree the following funding:

The total funding to be agreed retrospectively for 2022/23 is £420,141.75.

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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



Date:

15.03.24

DECLARATION:

** 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:

15.03.24