

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	18.03.24
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2024.036

<b>TITLE:</b>	Harmful Sexual Behaviour and Mental Health funding
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This notice of decision seeks approval of the following:

1. £34,000 to match fund Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) provision for children and young people in the City and County
2. £50,000 to match fund Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) and mental health provision for young people open to Youth Justice Services in the City and County who are on non-statutory orders

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

#### 1. HSB Provision

The Head 2 Head service offer (provided by Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust) has a small resource of 0.6 Clinical Nurse Specialist time allocated to provide Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) provision across the ICS. This is insufficient capacity to meet local demand. Local data provided by children's services (city and county) show the number of children and young people recorded as presenting with HSB increasing since the pandemic.

There is a need to bolster the service provision to enable it to meet the needs of a highly vulnerable cohort of young people. Local and national evidence emphasises the importance of early intervention for this cohort, supported by robust assessment. There is currently insufficient capacity for both from the current model. An enhanced model will be able to meet demand and reduce future harm that young people may pose to themselves and others.

Responses to HSB require a partnership approach. [NICE guidance \(2016\)](#) outline why a coordinated, multi-agency response, is needed to effectively meet the needs of children and young people displaying this serious behaviour.

The proposal will create additional Band 7 Nurse posts, additional management capacity, supervision time and admin support. This workforce model will create additional capacity for early

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intervention for this cohort, providing increased capacity to meet the increased need identified locally.

This decision notice seeks £34,000 from PCC to match fund Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) provision.

### **2. Multidisciplinary Team Service model for children and young people’s mental health provision**

Currently, Head 2 Head are commissioned to provide treatment for young people on statutory orders. Within the criminal justice system there these have decreased, with more young people receiving out of court disposals.

The clinical lead for Head 2 Head supports attendance and input at out of court disposal panels and makes recommendations but there is no specialist provision to then action the recommendations. This means their needs are left unmet.

Poor mental health is a key area in terms of the health needs of this group, recognising young people involved with the Youth Justice service will likely have experienced higher levels of trauma, social disadvantage, unmet and complex needs, and delays in accessing the health support that is required to address needs. It is widely expected that to a certain extent these factors contribute to the likelihood of an individual being pre-dispositioned to offend (HM Inspectorate of Probation, 2024). In addition, there is a cohort within this group of young people who are extremely vulnerable and may be exploited by others into criminal, sexual, gang and drug trafficking behaviours.

Increased capacity via additional Speech and Language Therapists (SLT) and Mental Health Nurse posts to the Head 2 Head team would ensure a holistic model of care is provided which supports young people on non-statutory orders and diversionary activities.

This decision notice seeks £50,000 from OPCC Grants and Commissioning to match fund Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) provision.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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Funding will be provided from the OPCC Grants and Commissioning budget.

Match funding for the above provision has been committed by the ICB and is being sought from the City and County Council, as follows.

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Table 1- Model costings

Service Model	Total cost	ICB	PCC	Nottinghamshire County Council	Nottingham City Council
Harmful Sexual Behaviours	£203,409	£100,000	£34,000	£50,000*	£20,000*
Youth Justice	£306,893	£200,000	£50,000	£30,000	£30,000

\*Already in place

**Signature:**  
**Chief Finance Officer**



**Date:**

25.04.24

**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:**

**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 & Monitoring Officer**



**Date:**

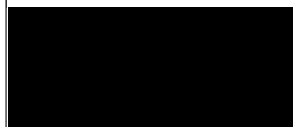
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**DECLARATION:**

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**



\*\* See guidance on non-public information

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<b>Date:</b>	29.04.24
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