

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	19.03.2024
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2024.038

TITLE:	NHS MH Nurse Practitioner
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Mental Health Nurse Practitioner assumed their role in May 2021, significantly impacting hundreds of cases. Maintaining the appointment to deliver this service is vital to ensuring seamless continuity of care for survivors, as replacing them would entail considerable time and disrupt the established service.

This specialised role within the Sexual Violence and Abuse service is crucial for safeguarding survivors and facilitating direct referrals to secondary mental health services, streamlining access to support. Exclusive to the Healthcare Trust, this niche provision is unparalleled in Nottinghamshire, emphasising the necessity for her continued position. There are NHS mental health provisions for the population of Nottinghamshire, however this does not incorporate specialised services for victims of crime – hence this role to bridge the gap.

The previous contract is due to expire on 31/3/24 and now a new contract for 12 months is required, as a direct award for the mental health practitioner to remain in post until 31st March 2025.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g., report or business case)

The Mental Health Practitioner has delivered specialist SVA services, offering tailored assessments and mental health interventions for survivors of sexual violence. An initial pilot period was delivered in the current contractual period which ends on 31/3/24 and the demand for the service has increased with a successful outcome. This request now seeks a new 12-month contract commencing April 2024, totalling £72,929, contingent upon funding approval. Please note that these costings include a potential 3% pay award which may or may not be accepted and therefore may need to be amended during the lifetime of the contract (if applicable).

The decision to initiate a new contract stems from the success observed during the pilot period and the recognition of the specialised and impactful nature of the service/product.

If the current practitioner has her role jeopardised by any financial constraints, then this will create a gap in the service to clients, essentially the risk is losing this specialist provider. Given how successful the pilot has been and the demand for the service would impose a high risk if not further commissioned.

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There is also a risk from other providers however this is a niche product and provider which should mitigate any potential risks.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following table shows the breakdown of costs for this service/role:

Band 7 Salary	£60,866
Pension Contribution	£9,512
Non-Pay related costs	£2,550
Total	£72,929

Please note that these costings include a potential 3% pay award which may or may not be accepted and therefore may need to be amended during the lifetime of the contract (if applicable).

This will be funded from the NHS England High Volume Fund

Signature:

**Chief Finance
Officer**



Date:

03.04.24

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:

The PCC is requested to approve the following:

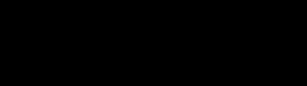
The OPCC submit this request to approve awarding a contract to Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust worth £72,929 from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 to pay for the cost of the SVA MH Practitioner. This will be a payment of £72,929 funded from the NHS England High Volume Fund.

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



** See guidance on non-public information

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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	
Date:	08.04.24