

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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Subject:

Sexual Violence / Abuse support services

Total Value:

£374,368 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) For the Council to enter into a partnership project /agreement with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) until 31st March 2024
- 2) To approve joint funding of the Sexual Violence/Abuse Support Services, Council contribution of £374,368 until March 2024.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director for People to sign the partnership agreement with the CCG and OPCC. .

<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<p>Nottingham City Council is committed to fund and deliver the Sexual Violence/Abuse Support services in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).</p> <p>Both IICSA ( independent inquiry into child sexual abuse) and local needs assessments ( most recently commissioned by OPCC and undertaken independently by Lime culture) have identified the need for a local comprehensive sexual violence and abuse support service. Both these processes have identified large number of survivors locally whose needs were not being met effectively and who lives had been adversely affected by the abuse, impacting on both them as individuals, their families and local services.</p> <p>The partners have worked together for 4 years in consultation with specialist services and survivors to produce this model. Survivors have been engaged throughout, including during commissioning, so ensure that the model developed met their needs and those of future survivors.</p> <p>There was previously no seamless pathway for male and female survivors, encompassing both a therapeutic support and criminal justice pathway and hub.</p> <p>There was previously a smaller city service which we commissioned however the county had a very different service which lead to postcode lottery. So the new service is city and county wide and commissioned by the OPCC with CCG and our support</p> <p>The process has been agreed and over seen by the IICSA improvement group city / county, the Crime and Drugs Partnership board and OPCC through a joint funding meeting comprising of senior leaders across the city and county partnership.</p>
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<p>To do nothing is not a viable option and was rejected. The Council are committed to entering onto this 3year partnership agreement to deliver Sexual Violence Abuse support services.</p>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>Published Works:</b>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	<p>Citywide</p>
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>Consultations:</b>	<p>Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.</p>

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

**There are crime and disorder implications; the commissioning partnership between NCC, OPCC and CCG is managed through the DSVA joint commissioning group, which reports to the crime and drugs partnership. Sexual violence and abuse is a priority of the Crime and Drugs Partnership through the annual needs assessment.**

**Equality:**

**EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not represent proposed changes to a policy, service or function.**

**Decision Type:**

**Portfolio Holder**

**Subject to Call In:**

**Yes**

**Call In Expiry date:**

**05/03/2021**

**Advice Sought:**

**Legal, Finance**

**Legal Advice:**

**There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision. The partnership agreement will set out the obligations of the parties to ensure that there can be a joint procurement of sexual violence and abuse support services where the OPCC will act as the lead party. Legal advice is being provided with regard to the partnership agreement.**

**Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 09/02/2021.**

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision seeks approval to continue funding the Sexual Violence/Abuse Support Services in partnership with the CCG and OPCC until 31 March 2024.**

**The total cost of this decision (covering 2020/21 to 2023/24 financial years) is £0.374m and this will be funded from identified ringfenced funding, already contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan. The associated cost for 2020/21 is already captured within the in year forecast position within Adults. This decision will therefore not result in any financial pressure for the organisation.**

**The profiled spend by financial year is anticipated as:**  
**2020/21 - £0.093m**  
**2021/22 - £0.112m**  
**2022/23 - £0.112m**  
**2023/24 - £0.057m**

**The partnership agreement will be led by the OPCC who will also be responsible for the procurement of the services outlined by the report author. Any operational delivery risks will remain with the OPCC as the lead organisation. The arrangement will be reviewed frequently via the partnership to ensure that the outcomes continue to be delivered as required.**

**If this arrangement is to continue beyond the period outlined in this decision, further approval will need to be sought with additional funding identified. Any changes to the value outlined in this decision will also require additional approval.**

**Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 15/02/2021.**

**Signatures**

<b>Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Adult Care &amp; Local Transport)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 24/02/2021</b>
<b>Catherine Underwood (Corporate Director for People)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 23/02/2021</b>