

Operational Decision Record

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| Publication Date 16 October 2023 | Decision Reference Number 5037 |
| Decision Title | |
| Sexual Violence / Abuse support services - extension to funding (April 2024 –December 2025) | |
| Decision Value | |
| £224,814 | |
| Revenue or Capital Spend? | |
| Revenue | |
| Department | |
| Commissioning & Partnerships | |
| Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details) | |
| Debbie Hemsley Commissioning Officer– contact via email Debbie.hemsley@nottinghamcity.gov.uk | |
| Decision Taken | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For Nottingham City Council to extend the partnership project /agreement with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) until 31st December 2025. 2) To approve joint funding for the extension of the Sexual Violence/Abuse Support Services, Council contribution of £224,814 until 31st December 2025. 3) To delegate authority to the Director of Commissioning and Partnerships to sign the Deed of Variation Partnership letter to extend the partnership agreement with the ICB and OPCC until 31st Dec 2025. | |
| Reasons for Decision and Background Information | |
| <p>Delegated Decision (4133) published February 2021, for Nottingham City Council to enter into a partnership project /agreement with the Integrated Care Board (formally the Clinical Commissioning Group) and the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) until 31st March 2024.</p> <p>This operational decision is an addendum to Delegated Decision (4133) to extend the partnership project/ agreement between Nottingham City Council with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) from April 2024 until Dec 2025.</p> | |

The partnership remains committed to fund and deliver the Sexual Violence/Abuse Support services in partnership with the integrated Care Board (ICB) and Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Both IICSA (independent inquiry into child sexual abuse) and local needs assessments (commissioned by OPCC and undertaken independently by Lime culture) identified the need for a local comprehensive sexual violence and abuse support service. Both these processes identified a 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.

The partners worked together for 4 years in consultation with specialist services and survivors to produce the model. Survivors were engaged throughout, including during commissioning, ensuring the model developed met their needs and those of future survivors.

There was previously no seamless pathway for male and female survivors, encompassing both a therapeutic support and criminal justice pathway and hub. There was previously a smaller city service which we commissioned however the county had a very different service which lead to postcode lottery. The Sexual violence/Abuse Support service is city and county wide and commissioned by the OPCC with ICB and our support.

Other Options Considered and why these were rejected

To do nothing is not a viable option and was rejected. Nottingham City Council are fully committed to the extension to 31st Dec 2025 of this partnership agreement to deliver Sexual Violence Abuse support services.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

The Value of the decision is under £300,000 threshold.

The expenditure is allotted for this activity and is met within existing budget provision.

Additional Information

- **It is recommended that you seek and include finance advice where your decision has financial implications.**

You should also consider:

- obtaining and recording advice if necessary from legal, finance or other colleagues
- informing relevant ward councillors if a decision particularly affects their ward
- whether an EIA, DPIA, Carbon Impact assessment or consultation exercise is required for this decision
- for capital spend, confirmation that the decision has been through the appropriate capital approval processes
- referring to any related previous decisions
- risks of the decision and any mitigation of those risks
- if the decision is approving capital spend, please include confirmation that the Chief Finance Officer has agreed to it.

Finance Comments:

This decision seeks approval to extend the Sexual Violence/Abuse Support Services for the period: **January 2024 to December 2025**.

The total cost of this decision is **£0.224m** and the financial profiling of this extension is as per the below:

2023/24 extension (January 2024 to March 2024): £0.056m

2024/25 (April 2024 to March 2025) - £0.112m

2025/26 (April 2025 to December 2025) - £0.056m

There is annual budget of £0.112m within Adults budget earmarked for this activity. This budget is incorporated within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and therefore the total cost of this decision can be met from existing budget provision.

Hayley Mason

Strategic Finance Business Partner (Adults and Public Health)

Legal Comments:

There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision to extend. A partnership agreement is already in place and the primary purpose of the deed of variation that has been reviewed by the legal department merely updates the names of the parties to the Agreement (as Notts CCG and Bassetlaw CCG have now been amalgamated into the newly formed Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board) and further purports to extend the agreement up until the 24th December 2025 with the financial contributions for the extension being specified within the relevant Appendix of the variation document. Legal advice and approval has already been previously provided with regard to the drafting of the partnership agreement itself.

Advice provided by Benita Meehan (Commercial and Contracts Solicitor) on 30/08/2023.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Catherine Underwood Corporate Director for People



Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

13/10/23