

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **37/2015**

Title: **North Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Support Services**

Executive Summary:

Report submitted requesting approval to jointly commission the new domestic violence support services in North Lincolnshire with North Lincolnshire Council and to agree the level of financial contribution to the contract value.

Commissioner's Comments:

The Commissioner acknowledged that if the project was successful then hopefully demand would be reduced on the Force. He also advised that it would be helpful for the Force to be able to advise victims that they were able to access services on a weekend and evening. It was noted that the application directly met objectives in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

The allocation of the unallocated 50% of the Partnership Fund was discussed in detail and it was noted that none of the other 3 authorities had put forward any ideas/requests for funding.

Decision:

(a) That the invitation to jointly commission the new domestic abuse support services in North Lincolnshire from April 2016 be accepted; (b) that an active role be played in the commissioning process (steering group, tender evaluation etc) via representation from the OPCC (Commissioning and Granting Manager), and (c) that £40,000 be contributed, from the unspent CSP/Partnership fund money, per year for the life of the contract (3 years from 2016), with the option to extend the contract and invest for a further 2 years upon satisfactory performance reviews.

Background Report: Open

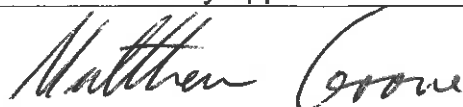
Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 26.08.15

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to gain formal agreement to jointly commission the new domestic violence support services in North Lincolnshire with North Lincolnshire Council, and, further, to agree level of financial contribution to the contract value.

2. Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Commissioner;

- i. Accepts the invitation to jointly commission the new domestic abuse support services in North Lincolnshire from April 2016.
- ii. Agrees to play an active role in the commissioning process (steering group, tender evaluation, etc) via representation from the OPCC (Commissioning and Granting Manager)
- iii. Agrees to contribute £40,000 (form the unspent CSP/Partnership fund money) per year for the life of the contract (three years from 2016), with the option to extend the contract and invest for a further two years upon satisfactory performance reviews. As per Option 1 in s4.

3. Background

The current domestic abuse support services contract funded by North Lincolnshire Council is due to end in March 2016. In preparation a steering group has been set up to develop the criteria and commissioning processes to identify a successful bidder to deliver the services from April 2016 onwards. This new contract will be awarded initially for a period of three years with two one-year extensions available for good performance.

The new service will have a particular focus on supporting all risk level victims of domestic abuse to aid in balancing the needs of those individuals who are high risk of serious harm or homicide, and those at medium risk or lower that may require earlier intervention; MARAC Coordinator role; working with Young People aged 13-19 in all risk levels in abusive relationships; consideration of repeat victims, prevention of increased risk, support in various forms and peer groups.

As preparatory/background work, North Lincolnshire Council have consulted the CAADA report previously commissioned by the PCC in order to develop key commissioning documents, they have also carried out stakeholder and

market engagement to identify the needs/requirements of service users, key partner organisations and service providers.

A project team has been meeting regularly (including representation from the OPCC) to build the service specification and criteria to be used to evaluate all bids. This criteria is now sufficiently mature to be presented to the Safer Neighbourhoods Executive Board on 4 September for agreement and sign-off by the community safety partnership.

Prospective service delivery organisations have been engaged in a 'request for information' exercise in order to produce an 'indicative' cost of the new services prior to formal tender submissions. It is currently expected that the cost of the new service will be around the £290,000 - £310,000 per year, North Lincolnshire Council have set aside funds to cover this.

4. Options

Option 1

That the Police and Crime Commissioner makes a financial contribution of £40,000 per year to the new service contract for the domestic abuse support services in North Lincolnshire. This financial contribution will not only demonstrate a continued commitment to supporting services that help victims of domestic abuse, but will also ensure that the Commissioner's priorities and interests are included and considered when shaping the services to be delivered in North Lincolnshire. Previously the Commissioner has expressed a concern at the level of access to 'out of hours' services of this kind. Involvement on the steering group, along with Humberside Police, has resulted in a weekend cover service being included in the tender specification for bidders to include in their applications. This is the preferred option.

Option 2

That the police and Crime Commissioner does not contribute financially to the new contract costs.

5. Financial Implications

The CSP/Partnership fund still contains the bulk of the 50% funding which was not allocated to CSP boards in 2015/16 (approx. £248,000). This investment in domestic abuse services is an excellent way of contributing to services which sit firmly in the partnership arena. It is suggested that funding for the services is from the partnership fund.

6. Legal Implications

All competitive tendering to be carried out in line with guidance, support and advice from North Lincolnshire Council's procurement services.

7. Equalities Implications

All policies relating to equality and diversity to be requested and considered as part of the background documents check in the formal tendering process.

8. Consultation

Wide ranging consultation has been carried out with service users, stakeholders, partner organisations and delivery organisations throughout the planning and development stages of the commissioning process.

9. Media information

None until the process has been completed and a contract awarded for the new service. North Lincolnshire Council will lead on this.

10. Background documents

None

11. Publication

N/A