

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

Decision Record Number: **12/2020**

Title: **Policing Partnership Contribution to NEL DA Schemes**

Executive Summary:

The North East Lincolnshire (NEL) Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is producing a strategy for dealing with Domestic Abuse (DA) and a corresponding resourcing plan. That work is likely to conclude in March 2021. There is however a gap from December 2020 to March 2021 in two DA related services that three of the CSP Statutory Partners have agreed to fund in equal thirds (the Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Humberside Police). The total amount of these two services is £31,216. This decision seeks the approval for providing the Humberside Police portion of the funding requirement of £10,405.

Decision:

That funding of £10,405 be provided to Humberside Police so that the DA services gap identified in the report can be funded up to 31 March 2021.

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 10.11.2020

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Policing Partnership Contribution to North East Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Schemes

Date: 6 November 2020

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. North East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have been working towards producing a Strategy to tackle Domestic Abuse (DA) and secure long term resourcing. The deficit in funding DA services in NEL has been a long term issue and COVID 19 has brought this issue to a head.
- 1.2. The CSP have identified two current DA services that require funding from November 2020 so that the services can continue to deliver until 31 March 2021. Extending the two services to the end of the current financial year will enable sufficient time for the Strategy and Resourcing Plan to be completed and agreed.
- 1.3. The total costs for the extension of the DA services has been split between the Local Authority, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Humberside Police. It is proposed to meet the Humberside Police proportion of the costs from the OPCC budget.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. It is recommended that the OPCC provides £10,405 so that Humberside Police are able to make a partnership contribution to maintain two DA related services in North East Lincolnshire.

3. Background

- 3.1. Following discussions via the NEL Safeguarding Children Partnership, Community Safety Partnership & Safeguarding Adults Board arrangements, it was agreed to review the Domestic Abuse Strategy in order to strengthen the delivery arrangements and better understand the resources required to deliver the strategic objectives, as well as inform a new commissioning arrangement. Work on this is ongoing and a finance and resource report is being developed to sit alongside the refreshed Strategy to identify the resources and funding required moving forward.

3.2. The Strategy and finance report are due to be completed by the end of October 2020 and the process for identifying long term funding and commissioning of services in line with the strategic priorities can then commence. However it is unlikely that any newly commissioned service will operationally be in place before the end of March 2021, due to the process of procurement.

- 1.1. The funding for three current domestic abuse services will cease ahead of March 2021; Target Hardening Service, IDVA funding and the Reform Programme. Following a meeting of the Chairs of the SCP, SAB and the CSP on the 22 September 2020, it was agreed that the Target Hardening and IDVA provision be prioritised and that the costs would be split three ways between NELC Council (NELC), NEL CCG and Humberside Police. To date NELC & Health CCG have confirmed their contributions.
- 1.2. Funding for the current Target Hardening Service is in place until the 31st November 2020. Several options to continue service provision are being explored for the longer term including the potential for the main referring agencies (Women's Aid and the Blue Door) to each contribute funding on the basis that they receive services for their clients in addition to NELC Strategic Housing support, however short term funding remains an issue.
- 1.3. The total amount required to fund until the end of March 2021 would be £17,716
- 1.4. A previous report regarding IDVA provision was produced and presented to the SCP meeting on 18 June 2020. This report highlighted the requirement to identify £23.5k funding to continue an IDVA post until the end of March 2021. A meeting to discuss the report and its recommendations was held on 22 July 2020 and it was agreed that NELC and its partners would commit to providing the additional funding required. Since the above commitment was made, £10k of the £23.5k has been identified via the SAB.
- 1.5. The total amount required to fund until the end of March 2021 would be £13,500.
- 1.6. The total costs for continuing the provision of the Target Hardening ad ODVA services is £31,216, which means that the Humberside Police contribution will be £10,405.

4. Options

- 1) Do nothing - The decision not to make the partnership contribution would mean that the two services would cease at a time when DA related incidents are increasing in both frequency and severity.
- 2) Make a partial contribution – The decision to reduce the amount offered will result in much the same outcome as doing nothing, although the impact will be delayed proportionately.
- 3) Fully fund – the decision to fully fund is the preferred option as this secures DA services at a crucial period of time and enables the local partnership in NEL to secure longer term solutions to a long standing problem.

5. Financial Implications

The Deputy Chief Finance Officer has confirmed that there is sufficient budget to enable this decision to be made.

6. Legal Implications

6.1. None.

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

The decision to fund directly delivers against the third aim / outcome of the Police and Crime Plan namely, 'To provide services to victims and the most vulnerable that meet their needs'.

8. Equalities Implications

8.1. This funding provides direct support for vulnerable women and children.

9. Consultation

9.1. The NEL CSP chair and chairs of the SAB and SCP have been consulted.

10. Media information

10.1. There are no immediate media implications for this decision.

11. Background documents

11.1. None

12. Publication

12.1. Open

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report. If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, OPCC officer(s) etc. prior to submitting this report for official comments	Y
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget?	Y

Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Y
The report is approved by the relevant Chief Officer	Y
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Y
I have liaised with Corporate Communications on any communications issues	N/A
I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	N/A
I have included any equalities, diversity and or human rights implications within the report	Y
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	N/A
I have included information about how this report contributes to the delivery of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan	Y