

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Officers present:** Kira Hughes

**Received in OPCC Date:**

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0025-22

**Title:** Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services

### Summary of Issue:

In April 2022 the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) confirmed that in addition to their core funding, Police and Crime Commissioners would receive an additional £15.7m funding for domestic abuse and sexual violence support services. Police and Crime Commissioners were required to make this funding opportunity available to commissioned services and frontline providers. This opportunity was advertised on the OPCC website and using our mailing list, requesting that providers in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland completed and returned a needs assessment, which was then submitted to the MoJ.

The bids received as part of the provider's needs assessments totalled £753,581.00.

A total of 16 bids were submitted from providers, 15 of which the OPCC supported. The OPCC did not support a bid from Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse due to the organisation being a national organisation with a limited local demand.

As part of their need's assessments, providers were asked if part funding was feasible, and at what percentage. The 15 supported bids submitted, considering those that could accept part funding, totalled £601,918.00. These bids were prioritised by local need.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 the OPCC were notified of our success in securing £435,343 towards domestic abuse and sexual violence support services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for the next three years. The OPCC were able to allocate this sum to the first 12 of the 15 supported bids, following the prioritisation of local need. Unfortunately, a bid from The New Futures Project for the employment of a Social Worker was unsuccessful, due to it being lower on prioritisation list. Two bids from Freeva, for a Domestic Abuse Counsellor and Sexual Violence SARC Counsellor, were also unsuccessful. This was due to Freeva underspending on funding previously awarded by the MoJ, which if awarded again could pose a risk to the OPCC.

### Recommendations presented:

Organisation	Project	Funded Service	Funding
Living Without Abuse	Project 360	The employment of Victim Engagement Workers - 3 Full Time Equivalent Specialist Domestic Abuse workers to be co-located in Leicestershire Police; to support high repeat cases of Domestic Abuse.	£100,167.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £300,501.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).

Living Without Abuse	Pregnancy and Maternity Specialist	The employment of 1 Full Time Equivalent Pregnancy & Maternity Specialist	£32,814.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £98,442.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Leicester Rape Crisis	Community Engagement and Counselling	The delivery of community engagement and counselling sessions and the employment of a Youth Engagement Officer.	£43,500.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £130,500.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Victim First	Domestic Violence Caseworker	The employment of a Specialist Domestic Abuse Caseworker (30 hours)	£28,158.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £84,474.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Victim First	Qwell Service (Kooth)	The provision of online counselling, peer support, content creation to adult victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.	£40,805.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £122,415.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
New Dawn New Day	Specialist Criminal Justice IDVA	To provide one full time additional Specialist Criminal Justice IDVA, providing intensive support to 34 female victims who present with mental health disabilities as a result of Complex Trauma.	£56,730.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £170,190.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
First Step Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland	Emotional Support Worker	The employment of an Emotional Support Worker to continue the existing Emotional Support Service for clients with complex needs.	£29,450.00 to be awarded per annum for 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £58,900.00 for the length of the contract (2 years).
Women's Aid Leicestershire	Empowerment Programme	Delivery of an Empowerment Programme to survivors of domestic abuse, empowering them to take control of their lives and move forward independently.	£38,388.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £115,164.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Women's Aid Leicestershire	Administrative Support	The employment of a Domestic Abuse Duty Worker to provide administrative support for the Domestic Abuse Specialist Team.	£25,906.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £77,718.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Hope CIC	Full Time Male Domestic Violence Advice Worker	The employment of one full time equivalent male domestic violence advice worker (multilingual).	£31,800.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £95,400.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Quetzal	Sessional Counsellors	Providing sessional payment to experienced counsellors, increasing the organisation's capacity to provide service to complex clients.	£7625.00 to be awarded per annum for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, totalling £22,875.00 for the length of the contract (3 years).
Innovating Minds CIC	Healing Together Programme Facilitators	The training of 44 Healing Together Facilitators who will deliver trauma-informed support to children that have been impacted by domestic abuse.	£29,450.00 to be awarded for 2022/23, totalling £29,450.00 for the length of the contract (6 months).

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The contracts will be issued to providers for signing in the week commencing 12/09/2022, and will be signed by the OPCC on their return. Funds will be released upon receipt of the signed contracts. Contracts will be dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022; however, payment will be paid for the full financial year.

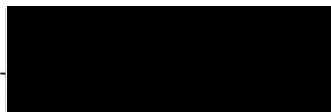
**Key discussion points**

First Step Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland requested £29,450.00 for 2023/24 and 2024/25 only due to already receiving funding from the MoJ for 2022/23. This enabled the OPCC to award Innovating Minds CIC with £29,450.00, who would otherwise have been unsuccessful in securing funding, for 2022/23 only.

**OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that 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:**

**Name: Kira Hughes**

**Date: 06/10/2022**

**Publication Scheme**

**Decision of Monitoring Officer:**

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner :

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) :

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire:

**Reasons for any non-Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

**Signature:**



**Name:** Elizabeth Starr

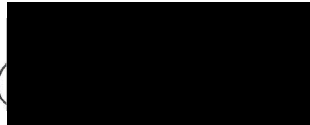
**Date:** 7/10/22

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**Supported**

**Signature**



**Date:**7/10/22