



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester,
Leicestershire & Rutland
Your Communities - Your Commissioner

Our ref: FOI 0013/26 – OPCC1202

Date: 21 July 2026

Name:

Email:

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your email dated 10 July 2026. This request falls as a freedom of information request. I note you seek access to the following information:

Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?

If yes:

- 1. How much funding is provided?**
- 2. Is this funded via a particular funding stream?**
- 3. Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?**

Your request for information has now been considered, and the response can be found below:

Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does not currently commission or provide grant funding for services that are specifically aimed at supporting women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or are involved in the sex industry.

However, the OPCC co-commissions the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in partnership with NHS England (NHSE). The SARC provides forensic examinations, crisis support, and onward referral services for all victims of rape and serious sexual assault. While these services are available to individuals who may have experienced sexual exploitation, they are not specifically commissioned for women affected by sexual exploitation or involvement in the sex industry.



If yes:

1. **How much funding is provided?** None
2. **Is this funded via a particular funding stream?** N/A
3. **Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?** N/A

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, under Section 17 of the FOIA you are entitled to ask for an internal review of our decision. Any internal review needs to be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and state why you are unhappy with the response. You can submit an internal review in the following ways:

- Emailing the OPCC Inbox to OPCC@leics.police.uk. or
- Writing to the OPCC at – The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Police Headquarters, St Johns, Enderby, Leicestershire, Leicestershire, LE19 2BX
- By phone – 0116 229 8980 (as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review under Section 50 of the FOIA you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the OPCC. You can contact the ICO in the following ways:

- Online at the ICO – <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>. or;
- Writing to the ICO at –Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.