

Subject: Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) programme

Originator: Community Safety and Serious Violence Co-ordination Team Manager

Decision no. 16/2023

Reason for submission: For decision

Submitted to: PCC

Summary:

This Norfolk pilot project will deliver the Respect Young Peoples Programme (RYPP) for families where children/adolescents are abusive or violent towards their parents/carers, known as CAPVA in partnership with; Norfolk Youth Justice Service (NYJS), Norfolk Children's Service (NCS), Police, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS), managed by Leeway, Brave Futures and the OPCCN, thereby offering support and enhanced safeguarding to any associated victims and children. Respect will provide training in the delivery of the RYPP to all named providers and support them with delivery for the duration of the project (to 31st of March 2024/25).

The anticipated outcomes of the project are to:

- Reduce verbal aggression, severity of violence and abuse in close relationships
- Improve emotional well-being (coping with anxiety, anger, depression, emotional self-regulation), inclusive or therapeutic and clinical support offers for children/adolescents
- Improve family communication, relationships and feelings of safety for all
- Build parenting confidence and skills by a trained workforce who are supported and supervised by a nationally accredited organisation
- Increase the children/adolescent's insight to their own behaviour and reduce their risk to others.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the PCC provides funding to deliver CAPVA programme of interventions, enabling delivery of the Norfolk PCC's successful bid to the Home Office's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund.

Outcome/approval by: PCC/~~chief executive~~/~~chief finance officer~~
(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. [unclear] - Smith', written over a faint, illegible background.

Date: 23/05/2023

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

1.1 Work with Respect to train and enable partners to deliver the Respect Young Peoples Programme (RYPP) for families experiencing child or adolescent to parent violence or abuse (CAPVA). The partners are Norfolk Youth Justice Service (NYJS), Norfolk Children's Service (NCS), Police, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS), and Brave Futures. This will offer support and enhanced safeguarding to any associated victims and children.

2. Background:

2.1 Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a top Government priority. These crimes can have lasting and severe impacts on the physical and mental health of victims, their families, communities and the economy. According to the Crime Survey for England and Wales year ending March 2020, an estimated 2.3 million victims experienced domestic abuse in the last year. Whilst both men and women can be victims of VAWG crimes, they disproportionately affect women and girls.

2.2 In 2021, the Domestic Abuse Act received Royal Assent. The 2021 Act established a general-purpose legal definition of domestic abuse which incorporates a range of abuses beyond physical violence – including emotional, controlling or coercive, sexual, and economic abuse. Additionally, on 8 July 2022, we published the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Statutory Guidance to support implementation of the domestic abuse legal definition and convey best practice. The guidance is intended to support frontline professionals in identifying and understanding domestic abuse, as well as its impact on victims. It encourages best practice in the response of various agencies and organisations, including employers.

2.3 The Home Office has committed up to £18 million per year over 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025 towards the next phase of the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund, bringing the total fund to £36 million. The fund welcomed proposals that cover children and adolescent to parent violence and abuse (CAPVA) and proposals had a minimum bid value of £300,000.

2.4 The aim of the Fund is to increase availability of interventions for perpetrators of domestic abuse, with the ultimate aim of reducing reoffending and protecting victims and survivors and their children. We will be specifically looking for evidence of the following objectives:

- Sustained reduction, frequency and gravity of abuse;
- Reduction in risk posed by the perpetrator;

- Improved safety and feelings of safety for any associated victims and their children.
- 2.5 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners for Norfolk (OPCCN) were awarded £625,000 of funding to increase the availability of domestic abuse perpetrator intervention schemes in their areas through this fund.
- 2.6 Utilising this funding award, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk will lead a project to deliver and embed the Respect Young People's Programme (RYPP) as part of an integrated response to CAPVA in Norfolk. The RYPP is an evidence-led intervention for families where children or young people aged between 8 and 18 are abusive or violent towards the people close to them, particularly their parents or carers.
- 2.7 The programme works with young people and their families, encouraging everyone to take a role in stopping the abuse and learning respectful ways of managing conflict, difficulty, and intimacy.
- 2.8 Respect will train and support partners to deliver the programme, which will be delivered in partnership with Norfolk Youth Justice Service (NYJS), Norfolk Children's Service (NCS), Police, Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS), and Brave Futures.
- 2.9 The anticipated outcomes of the project are to:
- Reduce verbal aggression, severity of violence and abuse in close relationships.
 - Improve emotional well-being (coping with anxiety, anger, depression, emotional self-regulation), inclusive or therapeutic and clinical support offers for children/adolescents.
 - Improve family communication, relationships and feelings of safety for all.
 - Build parenting confidence and skills by a trained workforce who are supported and supervised by a nationally accredited organisation.
 - Increase the children/adolescent's insight to their own behaviour and reduce their risk to others.
- 2.10 As this is a pilot project our best projections is that we will receive up to 260 referrals for the 12-week Respect Young Peoples Programme into the NYJS, NCS and NIDAS teams. We will offer those families assessed as suitable the opportunity to engage with the approach across the life of the funding.
- 2.11 In addition, up to 18 children will be offered specialist therapeutic support per year through partner organisation Brave Futures. Clinical and therapeutic support is currently in place for those families already identified and engaging with NYJS and NCS.

2.12 The partners in this bid will each provide a representative for the CAPVA Programme Partnership, a subgroup within the Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership Governance Structure. This group will be responsible for collaborating in the delivery of the programme.

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 This report recommends that the OPCCN's successful bid to the Home Office's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund is implemented in full.

3.2 The agreed funding amount is £625,000, which will be paid to the OPCCN quarterly in arrears. Payment of the Home Office grant requires meeting key deliverables and targets, as set out in the Home Office's grant agreement with the OPCCN.

3.3 The OPCCN will, in turn be responsible for commissioning Leeway, Brave Futures and Respect as partners in this project through funding arrangements.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 Do nothing: Experiencing CAPVA can be devastating. Families report high levels of distress, and a negative impact on the mental health of all those involved. Without this funding to deliver the RYPP intervention, families will not receive innovative support in response to CAPVA. Thus, this option was deemed non-proceedable.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 This programme will support:

- The Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan priorities: tackling crime, preventing offending, supporting victims and enabling safer and stronger communities.
- The Safer Norfolk Plan long-term objectives regarding Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Serious Violence
- The Government's tackling Domestic Abuse Plan's commitments to prioritising prevention, supporting victims and delivering a stronger system.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The total value of the Home Office's grant agreement with the OPCCN is £625,000. This consists of £320,000 in 2023/24 and £305,000 in 2024/25.

6.2 The breakdown of this funding is:

- Respect are to be funded up to £77,000 for provision of training and support to practitioners.
- Leeway Domestic Abuse and Violence Services are to be funded up to £162,000 for provision of Family CAPVA workers.
- Brave Futures are to be funded up to £148,000 for therapeutic support and counselling.
- OPCCN will receive up to £205,000 for the management and administration of this fund. This includes purchasing print, media, website, any other associated materials and meeting any required venue hire or travel costs.
- An academic evaluator appointed through due process and ensuring value for money will be funded up to £33,000 to provide an independent evaluation of the programme.

7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO ₂	Saving in tCO ₂
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications

No additional risks have been identified at this time.

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 Consultation with Gavin Thompson and Stephanie Stearman on behalf of the Norfolk OPCC. No further risks or issues have been raised.

8.2 Should there be any risk to the programme being delivered, partners are required to notify the OPCCN as per the conditions of the award.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

No

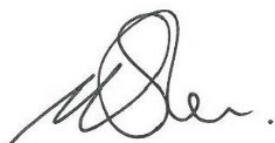
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

Approval to submit to the decision-maker (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 07/07/2023

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 05/07/2023

Public access to information: *Information contained within this submission is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and wherever possible will be made available on the OPCC website. Submissions should be labelled as 'Not Protectively Marked' unless any of the material is 'restricted' or 'confidential'. Where information contained within the submission is 'restricted' or 'confidential' it should be highlighted, along with the reason why.*

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED