



Subject: Brave Futures

Originator: Stephanie Stearman

Decision no. 23/2024

Reason for submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Giles Orpen-Smellie – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Summary:

1. Brave Futures are commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide intensive support to children aged 11-18 years and who are victims of child sexual abuse.
2. This commissioned service complements the support in place commissioned by the Great Yarmouth & Waveney Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) who are lead commissioner for commissioning support for children who have been sexually abused between 0-11yrs.
3. This Decision Notice is to extend the service from 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2025.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the PCC support this Decision Notice.

Outcome/approval by: PCC
(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature: 

Date: 25/03/2024

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To provide intensive specialist support to children aged 11-18 years who are victims of child sexual abuse across Norfolk.

2. Background:

- 2.1 The Norfolk PCC has commissioned Brave Futures to provide specialist services that support children aged 11-18 years and their family who have experienced sexual abuse up to 31st March 2024. This arrangement is by way of a Grant Agreement.
- 2.2 During the financial year 2024/25 a procurement process for sexual violence services for Norfolk will take place. So as to align services in the county and to allow for this procurement process to take place, which will be managed by 7Force Procurement Services, there is need extend provision to 30th September 2025.
- 2.3 The Grant Agreement that supports this Decision Notice, will outline the service provided by Brave Futures and will provide two fulltime practitioners to work with 90 children and young people across the duration of the extension.
- 2.4 Each child will receive an assessment, and 20 face to face sessions taking them through a programme which will include reviews including a trauma symptom checklist at the beginning and end of the service.
- 2.5 The service will give children and young people the skills and tools they need to rebuild their futures, manage trauma they have experienced and help them move from victim to survivor.

3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 The funding of this service aligns with specialist sexual violence services currently commissioned by the OPCQN, those being the Sue Lambert Trust, the Rowan Project delivered by the Daisy Programme and the Lotus Programme delivered by One-to-One Counselling Service.
- 3.2 This extension will allow for a needs analysis to take place and an independent review by Lime Culture to review a victim's pathway across the Criminal Justice Service.

4. Other options considered:

- 4.1 Not to fund this service – this option was rejected as it would leave children and young people aged 11-18 years with extremely limited provision for specialist

intensive work and therapeutic programmes to help those affected by child sexual abuse, cope and recover from the crimes that have been committed against them.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set Police and Crime objectives through the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-24. The PCC's six priorities fall into the following categories each with detailed objective in the plan:

- Sustain Norfolk Constabulary
- Visible and Trusted Policing
- Tackling Crime
- Prevent Offending
- Support Victims
- Safe and Stronger Communities

5.2 This Decision Notice supports the PCC's 'Support for Victims' priority as outlined in the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-24

5.3 Quality standards that will be supported as set out in the following documents:

- NICE Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng76>), which makes recommendations for a range of therapeutic interventions for children, young people and families after sexual abuse
- The Norfolk Sexual Violence Strategy produced by the County's Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) that support the work of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group (DASVG)

5.4 The primary statutory legislation that drives the support of commissioning services that support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence across the Local Authority and Police Forces are:

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004
- Children Act 1989 and 2004
- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012
- Equality Act 2010
- Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of Crime Directive 2012/29/EU
- Code of Practice for Victims of Crime – MoJ Victims Code 2020
- Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls – July 2021
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021

6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 Total service costs as follows:

ITEM	2024/25	2025/26
To provide a specialist service across Norfolk which will be delivered by 2 Practitioners to children aged 11-18 years who have been affected by child sexual abuse	£88,200	£44,100
TOTAL	£132,300	

6.2 Breakdown of Funding:

ITEM	2024/25	2025/26
The Total Cost of the Service is	£88,200	
Ministry of Justice Funding Reported on Decision Notice 2023-22	£20,000	
Commissioning Budget	£68,200	£44,100
This Decision Notice Award	£112,300	

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

7.2 No material implications

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 There have been no other implications or risks identified at this time.

8.2 The OPCN has assessed the governance and eligibility of Brave Futures and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	NO
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

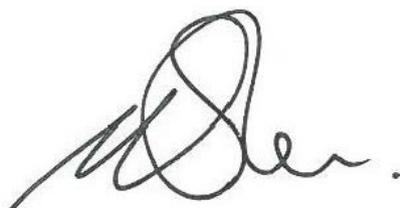
If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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

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: 25/03/2024

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: 13/03/2024

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