

**Subject: NiDAS – Norfolk Independent Domestic Abuse Service –  
Variation of Contract No 14**

**Originator:** Tabatha Breame

**Decision no.** 26/2024

**Reason for submission:** For Decision

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

**Summary:**

1. This decision paper seeks approval by the PCC to agree to Contract Variation Number 14 (No 7F-2020-0273) from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 for the Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS).
2. This Decision Notices details funds awarded by the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund which will provide an additional 0.5 specialist, Unmet Needs Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA).

**Recommendation:**

The PCC is in support of this Decision that supports Contract Variation No 14 as produced by 7Force Procurement Services.

**Outcome/approval by:** PCC

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature:**



**Date:** 14/03/2024

## Detail of the submission

### 1. Objective:

- 1.1 To address the gap in provision for those victims with 'unmet needs' by introducing an Unmet Need specialist IDVAs who support victims of domestic abuse within the NiDAS Service.
- 1.2 To introduce 1 x part time (18.5 hours per week) IDVA to support victims of domestic abuse who have unmet, competing and complex needs and require intensive domestic abuse support.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 The NiDAS contract was awarded to Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services as lead agency after a competitive tender process in June 2021 which was managed by the 7Force Procurement Department.
- 2.2 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is lead commissioner for the NiDAS service in partnership which consists of Adult Social Services, Childrens Services, Broadland District Council, South Norfolk District Council and Norwich City Council. All partners contribute funding to the NiDAS Service.
- 2.3 Mobilisation of the service took place during October – December 2021 with the service going live 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022
- 2.4 Since launch, NiDAS service continuously grows and develops and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has been bidding for national funds to enhance service capability for victims of domestic abuse. As such the OPCCN was awarded funding by the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund for this specialist post.
- 2.5 This post will sit within the Specialist IDVA team within the NiDAS service.

### 3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 These specialist IDVA posts were designed to support need from feedback from service users and professionals where gaps in provision were identified.
- 3.2 Funding will cease 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and de-commissioning plans will need to be put in place should continuation funding not be secured.

#### 4. Other options considered:

4.1 To not develop a specialist Unmet Needs IDVA, this was discounted as victims of domestic abuse face multiple issues and in some cases disadvantages and this specialism would support those where there are multiple, unmet needs. The role would also dovetail into other statutory services who provide countywide support in areas such as drugs and alcohol, mental health, homelessness.

#### 5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set out Police and Crime objectives through the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-2024. The PCC's six priorities fall into the following categories each with detailed objectives in the plan:

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

5.2 The NIDAS service supports two of these pillars: Supporting Victims and Safe and Stronger Communities.

5.3 The primary statutory legislation that drives the commissioning of domestic abuse services across the Local Authority and Police force areas are:

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004
- Children Act 1989 & 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 Strategy
- Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – July 2021
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021

## 6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The majority of the cost of the Unmet Need IDVA will be met by the Ministry of Justice Victims Funding under General Grant Funding, breakdown to cover the financial years 23/ 24 and 24/25 with a small element of £3,000 in 24/25 which will be covered by an underspend of the core contract 23/24.

	1 <sup>st</sup> February 24- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 24	1 <sup>st</sup> April 24- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 25
1 x Part Time (18.5hrs per week)	£3700.00	£24,910.27
Total Award	£28,610.27	

## 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 <sub>2</sub>	Saving in tCO <sub>2</sub>
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 are no foreseen major implications or risks associated with this decision.

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

8.3 An independent audit of the NiDAS service is currently in process.

<b>Originator checklist (must be completed)</b>	<b>Please state 'yes' or 'no'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	<b>No</b>
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	<b>Yes</b>
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	<b>Yes</b>
Have human resource implications been considered?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	<b>Yes</b>
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	<b>Yes</b>
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	<b>Yes</b>
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)	<b>Yes</b>
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	<b>Yes</b>

**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:** 14/03/2024

**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:** 25/03/2024

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