



## DECISION NOTICE

**Subject: Sue Lambert Trust – extension of funding for outreach and group work**

**Originator:** Stephanie Stearman

**Decision no.** 13/2025

**Reason for submission:** For Decision

**Submitted to:** Sarah Taylor – Police and Crime Commission for Norfolk (PCQ)

### Summary:

1. This Decision Notice seeks approval by the PCC to agree to funding by way of a Grant Agreement to the Sue Lambert Trust (SLT).
2. Under this Grant Agreement SLT will be able to sustain and enhance its group programmes.
3. This Grant will allow the SLT to provide this specialist support to those victims/survivors in Norfolk.
4. SLT will provide group work to clients to enable them to cope and recover from the trauma that they have experienced.

### Recommendation:

The PCC supports this decision to provide funding to the Sue Lambert Trust.

**Outcome/approval by:** PCC

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature:**

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**Date:** 17/03/2025

## Detail of the submission

### 1. Objective:

- 1.1 To provide group programmes to victims/survivors of sexual abuse/violence/child sexual abuse, both recent and historic incorporating those with protected characteristics, ensuring that clients receive the best possible care and support.
- 1.2 The group programmes will be available to women and men aged 18 and over, free of charge in Norfolk.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 Under the Ministry of Justice Victims' Fund, each PCC area receives a Grant to support victims of crime based on a population formula generated by ONS data from mid 2020.
- 2.2 This award is made to the PCC area in exercise of the power conferred on the Ministry of Justice by section 56(1) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.
- 2.3 Activities under this Fund must satisfy the requirements of the Victims' Code and domestic Law and must:
  - Meet the support needs of Victims of Crime
  - Act in the interests of Victims of Crime supported
  - Be free of charge
  - Be confidential
  - Be non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality and citizenship)
  - Be available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police
  - Be available before during and for any appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings.
- 2.4 This Grant will cover the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 -31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

### 3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 The service delivered by the Sue Lambert Trust must complement and work with other commissioned specialist services for victims/survivors of sexual abuse/violence/rape across the county to ensure coverage, choice for victims and localism. These services include:

- a. Brave Futures, delivering a service for Children 11+ across all districts of Norfolk.
- b. The Harbour Centre – Norfolk’s Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARQ).
- c. Norfolk’s Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) service.

#### **4. Other options considered:**

4.1 Not to fund – this was rejected as this would put victims/survivors at greater risk.

#### **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 2025-29. The PCC’s three priorities fall into the following categories each with detailed objectives in the plan:

- Preventing crime
- Cohesive communities
- Reducing harm

5.2 This Grant will support one of these pillars: Reducing harm

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 Total of the Grant Value is £30,000 (thirty thousand pounds)

6.2 The funding period is as follows:

<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026</b>
Grant Funding to contribute to costs of group work	£30,000

6.3 The funding of this Grant Award will be paid from the Ministry of Justice Victims Fund (formula based).

## **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 at this time.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
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 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: 11/02/2025**

**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: 11/02/2025**

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