

**Subject: Brave Futures Grant Extension**

**Originator:** Mette Ohrvik

**Decision no.** 24/2025

**Reason for submission:** For decision

**Submitted to:** Sarah Taylor – 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 Care 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

**Recommendation:**

That the PCC supports this decision to extend funding to Brave Futures for period 1<sup>st</sup> October 25 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

**Outcome/approval by:** PCC

*The recommendations as outlined above are approved.*

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 02/07/2025

## 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.
- 1.2 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.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 The Norfolk PCC has previously commissioned Brave Futures to provide specialist services that support children aged 11-18 years who have experienced sexual abuse and their families up to 30 September 2025. This arrangement is by way of a Grant Agreement.
- 2.2 The OPCCN is currently completing a review of support provision for victims of sexual violence and abuse in Norfolk. Pending decisions on future services there is a need to extend existing service provision so that the needs of victims continue to be met.
- 2.3 The funding under the Grant Agreement will be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – the terms and conditions of the Grant will remain the same.

### 3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 The funding of this service aligns with specialist sexual violence services currently commissioned by the OPCCN, 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 completion of the review of current sexual violence support services in Norfolk.

### 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, to 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 out Police and Crime objectives through the Police and Crime Plan 2025-29. The PCC's priorities are

- Preventing crime
- Cohesive communities
- Reducing harm

5.2 This grant will support the pillar - 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 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 Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

5.4 Quality standards that will be supported are 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)

## 6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The total grant funding will be £58,666 (fifty-eight thousand six hundred and sixty six pounds) for the 8 month period 1st October 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

6.2 The funding will come from the Commissioning Reserves Budget.

## **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 other implications or risks identified at this time.

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

<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: 02/07/2025**

**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: 03/07/2025**

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