

**Subject: Continuation of funding – Brave Futures**

**Originator: Commissioning Officer – Policy and Commissioning**

**Decision no. 20/2026**

**Reason for submission: For decision**

**Submitted to: Sarah Taylor – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**

**Summary:**

1. Brave Futures is commissioned by the Office of Police Crime Commissioner Norfolk (OPCCN) to provide intensive support to children aged 11-18 years who are victims of child sexual abuse.
2. This service complements the support in place commissioned by Gt Yarmouth and Waveney Integrated Care Board (ICB) for children who have been sexually abused aged 0-11 years.
3. The existing Grant Arrangement ends on 31 May 2026.
4. This decision notice is to extend the Grant Arrangement for a further 22 months from 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2028.
5. The total value of the grant for this period is £105,333.50

**Recommendation:**

That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) supports the decision to extend funding for Brave Futures for the period 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2028 at total cost of £105,333.50.

**Outcome/approval by: Sarah Taylor – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

**Signature:**



**Date: 18/05/2026**

## Detail of the submission

### 1. Objective:

- 1.1 To provide intensive specialist support to children aged 11-18 years who are victims of childhood sexual abuse.
- 1.2 The service will give children and young people the skills and tools they need to rebuild their futures, manage the trauma they have experienced and move on with their lives.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 The OPCCN has previously commissioned Brave Futures to provide specialist support services for children affected by childhood sexual abuse and their families.
- 2.2 The current arrangement ends on 31 May 2026 and is by way of Grant Agreement.
- 2.3 The terms and conditions of a new Grant Agreement will be the same as the previous arrangement.

### 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 continuation of funding is at a reduced level for two years – any inflationary pressures must be absorbed into the service budget.

### 4. Other options considered:

- 4.1 Not to fund the service post May 2026 – this would mean that services available to children affected by child sexual abuse in Norfolk would be reduced. This option has been rejected.

### 5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

- 5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set out a Police and Crime Plan. Within the current 2025-29 plan the PCC has pledged support for sexual violence and abuse victims under 'Your priorities – Reducing Harm.'
- 5.2 The primary statutory legislation that drives the support of commissioning services that support victims of domestic abuse and SVA across the Local Authority and Police Force areas are:
  - Crime and Disorder Act 1998
  - Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004
  - Health and Social Care Act 2012

- Code of Practice for Victims of Crime – Ministry of Justice
- Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy (VAWG) Strategy
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence(NICE) Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect which makes recommendations for a range of therapeutic interventions for children, young people and families after sexual abuse (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng76>)
- The Norfolk Sexual Violence Strategy produced by Norfolk Community Safety Partnership (NCSP) 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 £105,333.50 for the period 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2028.
- 6.2 The funding will come from the Commissioning Budget.
- 6.3 The total award will be as follows:

Funding Period	Amount
1 June 2026 – 31 March 2027	£45,333.50
1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028	£60,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£105,333.50</b>

## 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 The OPCCN has assessed the eligibility of Brave Futures and the appropriate due diligence checks have been completed and agreed by the OPCCN's Chief Finance Officer and will be reviewed periodically.

<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: 11/05/2026**

**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
- c) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

**Signature:**



**Date: 06/05/2026**

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