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**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

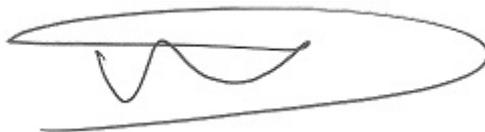
REF: 025/2021
DATE: 5 November 2021

SUBJECT	POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH SERVICES
REPORT BY	PARTNERSHIP AND DELIVERY MANAGER
CONTACT OFFICER	Joanne Davison, Partnership and Delivery Manager Telephone 01522 947406
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To approve a grant to Lincolnshire County Council for the purposes of providing 16 weeks additional capacity within the commissioned domestic abuse outreach service from November 2021.	
RECOMMENDATION	That the proposed grant is approved and that £21,875 be released from the Development & Partnership Working Reserve to fund this.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:



Date: 5 November 2021

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. LCC undertook a capacity review of the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Outreach Support Service in January 2021 due to concerns raised by the service about increasing demand and the impact on timely interventions. The review highlighted that the service had seen a significant increase in referrals through each delivery quarter and within overall contract years, with the most notable rise being within 2020-21. The service was carrying a waiting list and although the Provider EDAN Lincs were managing this through a risk based prioritisation approach, the number of referrals continued to increase week on week. This resulted in waiting lists becoming

longer as the service was not able to allocate cases due to workers being at or over case holding capacity.

2. To support the service with the immediate capacity challenges additional service capacity was funded (jointly by LCC and the PCC) for a six month period alongside piloting a revised service offer.
3. Despite the successful implementation of the internal re-focused delivery model there has not been a reduction in the number of referrals coming into the service for support. Given the continuing referral demands LCC has committed further resources to continue to fund 50% of the additional staffing capacity supporting the revised pathways for a further 16 weeks to complete interventions with partner agencies and monitor demand further.
4. Additional funding to continue the pilot for a further 16 weeks will give time for additional actions around the communication and engagement with referring partnership agencies to progress and be fully implemented.
5. LCC has approached the PCC for support with 50% of the costs (£21,875) which would support additional service capacity beyond the New Year period to mid March 2022. Service demand is able to be monitored on a weekly basis for the rest of 2021 to track the impact of the work with referring agencies and referral volumes as a whole. Capacity and demand will continue to be closely monitored and reported to the DA Programme Board to assess impact on the service and the timely interventions to the victims seeking support.
6. Further analysis of the source and risk level of referrals coming into the service will also continue to contribute to an understanding of demand to identify any additional actions that could assist in predicting and managing future volumes for the remainder of this contract and in light of re-commissioning in 2023.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/ PRIORITIES

This grant will help to deliver the following strategic aims and priorities set out in the key principles of the Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan for Lincolnshire 2017-2021. These are: Community Safety and prevention in partnership; Protecting and supporting victims and the vulnerable;

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost net of VAT (£21,875) will be met through the Development & Partnership Working reserve.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and projects which, in the opinion of the PCC, will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the police area.

In addition, Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with powers to provide or commission services. Within the meaning of this section, a PCC may provide or arrange for the provision of:

- (a) services that in the opinion of the PCC will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the PCC's area

(b) services that are intended by the PCC to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour

(c) services of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

A PCC arranging for the provision of services under this section may make grants in connection with the arrangements. A grant may be subject to any conditions (including conditions as to repayment) that the PCC thinks appropriate. For the purposes of the legislative provision “anti-social behaviour” means behaviour by a person that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more other persons not of the same household as that person; “crime and disorder reduction” means reduction in levels of:

(a) crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment),

(b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and

(c) re-offending.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

[This should include a copy of the Equality Impact Assessment, if required]

None specific.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to assess whether intended outcomes have been achieved.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Through the review and evaluation arrangements as necessary.

H. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The Partnership and Delivery manager recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	JD
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	JF
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	MB

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.



Signature:

Date: 4 November 2021