

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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REQUEST DETAILS:

Freedom of information request. We are collating information on the services available to Women involved in the sex industry across the country. Please could you let us know for your local area:

1. Do you commission a specific service provision to support Women involved in the sex Industry?
2. If yes, which organisation provides the service?
3. If not – is that service provided locally by other funding, and who provides it?
4. Is the service monitored through your Male Violence Against Women and Girls workstream?
5. If not, who has oversight?
6. Does the service provide distinct support to Women who want to exit the sex industry?

RESPONSE

1. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk (OPCC) does not commission a specific service provision to support woman involved in the sex industry.
2. Whilst the OPCC do not commission a specific service for woman involved in the sex industry, any member of the public will have access to core and specialist victims' services commissioned by the OPCC. Information on these services is included within the attached Excel spreadsheet.
3. N/A
4. All commissioned services are monitored by the OPCC. All service contracts have clear Key Performance Indicators' (KPI's) and performance against these KPI's is closely monitored by the OPCC. In addition, all grants awarded are based on their ability to contribute to the PCC's objectives within the Police and Crime Plan. This includes commissioning to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls.
5. N/A
6. The service providers detailed within answer 2 provide ongoing support to individuals who access these commissioned services. One element of these services is to reduce revictimisation and support would be available to woman looking to exit the sex industry.

Service Delivery	Service Provider	Description
All Crime Types	Norfolk & Suffolk Victim Care Service (NSVC)	Free, confidential guidance and support to all victims or witnesses of crime whether or not the crime has been reported to the police. Support is available to adults and children and young people. The service also offers guidance to the victim as they navigate through the Criminal Justice System. The service is jointly commissioned by Norfolk and Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and managed by the national organisation Victim Support. Police referrals should be made on the basis of informed consent from the victim. Self-referral is available. NSVC also provide specialist support to standard risk victims of domestic abuse (DA).
	The Restorative Justice (RJ) Hub	Restorative Justice (RJ) is a victim centred approach and brings those harmed or affected by crime or conflict and those responsible for the harm into communication. RJ can help a victim cope and recover from the impact or crime. The service is currently jointly commissioned by Norfolk and Suffolk PCCs and managed by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies.
DA (High Risk)	Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Service	The Suffolk IDVA Service provides high quality support for high-risk victims of domestic abuse (DA) from initial reporting to police through to support at court. Referrals to this service are through the police/ MARAC. Specialist IDVAs provide support in court, to young persons, male victims, and those from minority communities. The service is managed by Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services.
DA	Anglia Care Trust	Money Advice Service for victims of DA. The service is accessed through the Domestic Abuse Outreach Service (DAOS), 24/7 Suffolk DA helpline or referral from other agencies/DA support organisations across Suffolk.
DA/CYP	Leeway – Children and Young Persons Outreach (CAYPO) service	Funding supports a gap in services for CYP victims of DA. This service is a pilot to support children of IDVA clients aged 5-15 who have experienced DA and are resident with a non-abusive parent with group & one to one work. The support would continue when the children move into the community and are resettling into their new communities. There were 244 dependent children of high-risk victims of DA in 3 months giving an indication of demand.
DA/BAME	The Phoebe Centre (PHOEBE)	2 x VAWG outreach workers, training, administration, and some overhead costs. Support for women and children from Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic, and migrant communities in Suffolk. For victims of DA they help find safe temporary accommodation, completing visa applications, facilitate support groups, providing counselling and casework, and legal advice. Supporting women to access education and employment opportunities, and improve their English enables victims to become more independent and more able to leave abusive relationships.
DA	Lighthouse Women's Aid	The funding will support the following roles to deliver the core services from the Centre as well as contributing to premises and overheads: Crisis Worker; Advice & Support Worker; Project Worker (facilitating programmes). Advice, guidance and programmes are delivered from the Centre, by telephone, online or face to face. The Centre supports predominantly in the Ipswich area of Suffolk.
DA	Alumah	Specific support to children and young people affected by DA in West Suffolk through a trauma intervention programme. Funding is utilised towards staff and organisation costs which directly supports this work.
	Restore (Formerly known as Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre)	Contribution towards the Outreach Centre in Bury St Edmunds including staff and property costs. The Centre provides space for small group and recreational therapy as well as counselling rooms. It brings in external organisations to support victims with housing, legal and therapeutic needs and supports survivors to ensure their continued safety and recovery to break the cycle of DA. There is also support for male victims as well as women and children.
	Compassion	The continued employment of the part time Lead Programme Facilitator to run support groups, one to one support and programmes for victims of DA in the Babergh area of Suffolk. A proportion of the funding will support the employment of the DA Project Manager. Compassion supports women and their families with advice, guidance and programmes in addition to providing information and signposting to those making enquiries.
DA	Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum	Funding for a part time charity manager and the Advice and Guidance worker and contribute to the core costs of supporting victims of DA.
Sexual Violence	Suffolk Rape Crisis	Contribution to the overall costs of "Outreach@SRC", staff salaries for three members directly delivering the outreach work, administration, management, and office overheads. One to one practical and emotional support, online courses and groups and face to face groups with women and girls who have been subject to sexual violence whether recent or historic.
	Survivors in Transition	Funding for specialist trauma support for adult survivors of Child Sexual Abuse (individuals and group programmes), male victims of sexual assault and young people's (13+) support and therapy. Survivors in Transition (SiT) have been providing support for adult survivors of CSA and sexual violence in Suffolk since 2010.
	Brave Futures (formerly Fresh Start New Beginnings)	Contribution to trauma treatment for 60 children, young people, and their families per annum. The organisation provides a therapeutic treatment service for child victims of sexual abuse to address the short and longer term symptoms of trauma. Treatment prevents or decreases the incidence of the difficulties sexually abused children experience and increases wellbeing at the point in time as well as enabling them to lead successful adult lives in time.
	Sexual Assault Referral Centre - (ISVAs)	Funding for 7.81 FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) within the service to focus on awareness and engagement with minority communities and specialist ISVAs for young people and those learning disabilities.
	Restitute	Contribution to dedicated support worker costs for core family support services. Restitute supports 3rd party victims of crime – the parents, carers and siblings of those who have survived sexual abuse, sexual violence or other serious violence including DA. The service provides practical and emotional support (including counselling where necessary), supporting clients through child protection processes and ensuring there is a reduction in harm and risk for all members of the family.