

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: 11 - 2026

REQUEST DETAILS:

I would be grateful if you would provide answers to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?
2. If yes:
 - a. How much funding is provided?
 - b. Is this funded via a particular funding stream?
 - c. Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?

RESPONSE

1. The Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care Service is commissioned to support any victim of crime including sexual exploitation. [Norfolk & Suffolk Victim Care](#)

Additionally, the PCC grant funds specialist sexual violence services locally (see attached).
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2. *a. How much funding is provided?*

£250,000 per annum (Suffolk proportion) for Norfolk & Suffolk Victim Care.
£622,170 for specialist sexual violence services (26/27)

- b. Is this funded via a particular funding stream?*

Ministry of Justice grant for Victim Services and PCC local commissioning budget.

- c. Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?*

Part of wider services.

VICTIMS' COMMISSIONING

The PCC receives funding from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) for the purposes of commissioning victims' services - including child sexual abuse, domestic abuse, and sexual violence. For 2026/27, we used MOJ and PCC funding to commission the following services for victims:

Location	Service Delivery	Service / Provider	Description	Funding until	Funding for 2026/27
Suffolk	All Crime Types	Norfolk & Suffolk Victim Care Service (NSVC)	Free and confidential support is available to all victims and witnesses of crime, regardless of police involvement. Services are offered to adults, children, and young people, including guidance through the Criminal Justice System. Jointly commissioned by the Norfolk and Suffolk PCCs the service is delivered by Catch22 and accepts self-referrals, third party and police referrals with informed consent.	30.9.2028	£250,000
		The Restorative Justice (RJ) Hub	Restorative Justice (RJ) is a victim-focused process that facilitates communication between those harmed by crime or conflict and those responsible. It supports recovery and healing. The service is jointly commissioned by the Norfolk and Suffolk PCCs and managed by their Constabularies.	31.3.2028	£68,861
	Domestic Abuse (High Risk)	Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Service	The Suffolk IDVA Service supports high-risk domestic abuse victims from police report to court. Referrals come via police or MARAC. Specialist IDVAs assist in court and support young people, men, and minority communities. Managed by Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services. This funding includes a contract variation to meet increased National Insurance Contributions within the service until September 2026.	30.9.2026	£345,008
	Domestic Abuse (Standard Risk)	Domestic Abuse: Next Steps	The DA Next Steps service accepts police referrals of standard risk domestic abuse cases in Suffolk. Managed by Anglia Care Trust, the service commenced on 1 October 2025 and will run until 30 September 2027, with an option to extend if successful.	30.9.2027	£90,860
	DA	Anglia Care Trust	Money Advice Service to provide a specialist advice and guidance provision for victims of domestic abuse throughout Suffolk. The grant will provide for a full time Money Adviser to support victims across Suffolk using a blend of telephone and face-to-face support.	31.3.2028	£35,000
	DA/CYP	Leeway – Children and Young Persons service	The grant will support the delivery of the Children and Young Persons IDVA service for dependent children of high-risk victims of domestic abuse. The service provides essential practical and emotional, holistic support and safety planning for children and young people ages 5 to 18, around their experiences of living within a domestic abuse household using a trauma-informed Think Family approach..	31.3.2028	£109,496

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	DA/BAME	The Phoebe Centre (PHOEBE)	The grant will provide a contribution to culturally appropriate community-based support to Black and minoritised women and their children across Suffolk who are experiencing or recovering from domestic abuse. Support includes practical and emotional support, safety planning, advocacy and basic counselling, alongside referrals to specialist services.	31.3.2028	£42,300
Ipswich	DA	Lighthouse Women's Aid	The grant will provide a contribution to staffing costs for the provision of crisis and advice appointments and a range of therapeutic programmes and courses in Ipswich and surrounding areas.	31.3.2028	£75,000
West	DA	Restore	The grant will provide a contribution to Bury St Edmunds Community Domestic Abuse Support Service through funding a community support worker and children's support worker delivering one-to-one support, peer support groups and a range of therapeutic and educational programmes. Services are delivered through a network of hubs in west Suffolk.	31.3.2028	£50,000
		Compassion	The grant will provide a contribution to staffing costs for trauma-informed recovery programmes and wrap-around community support in Babergh, West Suffolk and surrounding rural communities.	31.3.2028	£20,000
East	DA	Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum	The grant will provide a contribution to the charity supporting survivors in the Lowestoft and surrounding area with advice and guidance, providing one to one support and helping them access services, programmes and courses. The service also provides training and raises awareness of domestic violence and abuse.	31.3.2028	£35,000
Suffolk	Sexual Violence	Survivors in Transition	Specialist support for an estimated 174 survivors who have experienced sexual violence or abuse to cope and build resilience from the effects of crime through one-to-one therapy and group programmes.	31.3.2027	£180,000
		Brave Futures	Support for an estimated 30 children/ young people who have experienced sexual abuse. Through tailored therapeutic treatment delivered through individual sessions, parent and carer support and information and guidance for families	31.3.2027	£60,000
		Suffolk Constabulary – ISVAs	Funding for 6.33 FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) within the service for general cases, to focus on awareness and engagement with minority communities and specialist ISVAs for young people and those learning disabilities.	31.3.2028	£352,170

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		Restitute	Supporting the parents, carers and families who have survived sexual violence and abuse and other serious violence. An estimated 40 adults and their families will be supported through this funding.	31.3.2027	£30,000