

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING**

**DECISION NO.**

10-2019

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION:**

**FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO:**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT:**

**AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION  
GRANT – ICENI VENTA PROGRAMME**

**SUMMARY:**

1. In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
  - a) secure, or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.
2. This report seeks approval to award a grant to IcenI Ipswich for the amount of £4,100 towards accreditation of the Venta programme. The programme works with male perpetrators of violence, abuse, coercion and control.
3. Accreditation will confirm the programme and delivery is of a nationally recognised quality standard and will enable IcenI to make the case to other funders, progressing plans for long term sustainability of the programme.
4. The funding will support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan objective 'Protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime and anti-social behaviour'.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £4,100 to IcenI Ipswich towards accreditation of the Venta programme.

**APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The recommendation set out is agreed.

**Signature**

*Tain Parmore*

**Date**

*22<sup>nd</sup> March  
2019*

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
- a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021.
- 1.3 This report seeks approval to award a grant to IcenI for the amount of £4,100 towards accreditation of the Venta programme.

### **2. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 Following the issue of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 work has been on-going to deliver against the Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.2 The PCC has engaged extensively to pursue the ambitions set out within the Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.3 The proposed grant is intended to contribute to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 by protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime and anti-social behaviour (Objective 3). This grant support the PCC priorities to protect vulnerable victims, focussing on domestic abuse, reducing reoffending and transforming rehabilitation and will contribute to improving the whole system for victims.

### **3. ICENI – VENTA PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 IcenI are a small local independent charity based in Ipswich. The organisation supports over 250 families a year with complex issues including domestic abuse, long term unemployment, drug and alcohol misuse and mental health problems.
- 3.2 In October 2017 IcenI were awarded £20,000 from the PCC Fund towards delivering two pilot 'Venta' programmes working with male perpetrators of violence, abuse coercion and control.
- 3.3 The Venta programme is a 16 week (66 hour) programme of exploration, understanding, learning and growing, designed to work with men who behave or have behaved in a violent, abusive, coercive or controlling way primarily within intimate relationships with women and/or family relationships. The programme responds to the need for more provision for those identified as a high risk relational or domestic abuser in Suffolk.
- 3.4 Venta is designed to:
- help people stop their violent and abusive behaviours;
  - help them learn how to relate to their partners in a respectful and equal way;
  - show them non-abusive ways of dealing with difficulties in their relationships and cope with their anger;
  - help keep their partner safer.

- 3.5 Two pilot programmes were undertaken during 2018 with a total of 13 participants successfully completing the programmes. Referrals were from a variety of partners including local authority, social care services and probation.
- 3.6 Iceni have provided the PCC with interim and final reports on the pilot indicating an increase in well-being and a positive understanding of responsibility within relationships:
- 12 men reported positive outcomes in their relationships;
  - 6 men continue to receive one to one support from Iceni including counselling and parenting programmes;
  - Partners have taken up the support options including Freedom Programme.
- 3.7 Feedback from Social Workers also illustrates a real change in the attitudes of the participants and in some cases a reduction in social care interventions. The pilot has resulted in improvements being made to the programme including the need to strengthen the assessment process for potential participants and measures to increase conversions from referral to participant.
- 3.8 The University of Suffolk have undertaken an evaluation of the pilot, findings from which confirm:
- Positive changes in emotional abuse behaviour;
  - Positive changes in physical and sexual behaviour (statistical significance currently being tracked through MARAC reporting);
  - No increase in any domestically abusive behaviours;
  - Overwhelmingly positive narratives from participants regarding the impact of; 1) Taking responsibility; 2) understanding domestic abuse; 3) building positive friendship bonds with male peers;
  - Visible improvement in wellbeing;
  - Significant uptake in offer of support for partners.
- 3.9 Iceni are proposing to undertake Respect Accreditation and are requesting funding support from the PCC and Suffolk County Council to achieve this.
- 3.10 Respect is a charitable organisation whose focus is on domestic violence perpetrators. The Respect Accreditation Standard is the benchmark for the provision of quality interventions with men who use violence against their female partners.
- 3.11 Respect Accreditation is open organisations working with people directly on abusive behaviour in relationships and has been developed to help guide organisations working in this field, to establish a quality standard and share best practice. The accreditation process takes 12 months to complete and incorporates four quarterly learning events, site visits and assessment by Respect.
- 3.12 Iceni will benefit from an accreditation readiness assessment following the first learning event, this will involve Respect spending a day with Iceni. The assessment will support Iceni's understanding of the accreditation requirements early in the process.
- 3.13 Accreditation will allow Iceni to develop an externally accredited evidence base which will contribute to and help influence potential future funders/commissioners, evidencing that the Venta programme is of a recognised standard.

#### **4. MONITORING AND OUTCOMES**

- 4.1 This grant award is made on the basis of financial and activity information being made available to the PCC.

- 4.2 In order to monitor the impact of the funding the PCC requires an interim report six months into the accreditation programme and final report outlining progress made during the accreditation process. The reports should include how Icenis are changing practice and the programme or embedding the learning as a result of both the accreditation process and University of Suffolk evaluation. Icenis should set out plans for sustainability of the programme following the accreditation process.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Funding of £4,100 is requested from the PCC towards a total cost of £8,200 to undertake the accreditation process.
- 5.2 Funding will support Icenis to achieve Respect accreditation at a cost of £7,500. The additional funding sought (£700) will support the Respect site visit and Icenis staff travel to learning events.
- 5.3 Funding from the PCC will be matched by a funding commitment of £4,100 from Suffolk County Council.

## **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

- 6.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.
- 6.2 An assessment of risk in delivery of the service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought, the duration of delivery and the history of delivery and ability to deliver. The monitoring arrangements outlined in the conditions of award reflect the fact that Icenis has been successfully delivered previous grant awards. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, Icenis is required to notify the PCC.
- 6.3 Full conditions of award can be found in Appendix A.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £4,100 to Icenis Ipswich towards accreditation of the Venta programme.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	N/A
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

#### **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER**

##### **Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC

**Signature:**



**Date** 22 March 2019

## APPENDIX A



### AWARD OF GRANT TO ICENI

#### CONDITIONS OF GRANT

1. Police and Crime Commissioner's Grant
  - 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
    - a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
    - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
  - 1.2 Commissioning decisions will be made on the basis of the extent to which the initiative is considered to be able to deliver outcomes, and takes account the following:
    - Innovation - an innovative approach;
    - Partnership/collaboration - working with other services;
    - Hard to reach/hear groups – Services aimed at supporting victims from hard to reach/hear groups;
    - Gaps in services – services that will address an unmet need/gap in services.
  - 1.3 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk will award a grant of £4,100 to IcenI towards accreditation of the Venta programme.
2. Conditions of Award
  - 2.1 This award is one-off award is made on the basis of delivering the service above. The agreement of this award does not place any ongoing responsibility on the PCC to fund the service beyond the period of this grant.
  - 2.2 The award is also made on the basis that the grant recipient uses the grant for the proposed service (paragraph 1.3 above). In the event that the grant is not used for these purposes the monies must be repaid to the PCC.
  - 2.3 Where the grant is used to provide services for victims of crime those services must be free of charge.
  - 2.4 The following costs are not Eligible Expenditure: Payments that support activity intended to influence of attempt to influence Parliament, government or political parties, or attempting to influence to awarding or renewal of contracts and grants, or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action.

2.5 The grant recipient must be able to evidence appropriate safeguarding procedures for those using their services and have due regard for the Local Children and Adult Safeguarding Boards' policies and guidance. The grant recipient must ensure that its services, policies, training, recruitment, vetting and referral processes appropriately safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

### 3. Bureaucracy

3.1 The grant recipient must be able to demonstrate that they are managing the grant in an efficient and effective manner, and are actively seeking to minimise bureaucracy and streamline processes in order to deliver the best possible outcomes.

### 4. Transfer of funds

4.1 Payment will be made following the receipt of an invoice/payment request.

4.2 The grant recipient will invoice the PCC for the grant after which transfer of funds will be arranged within 21 working days of receipt of the invoice.

4.3 The PCC will not pay in advance of need. If the PCC reasonably believes that payment is being made in advance of need, the PCC may change the timing and/or the amount of any payments.

4.4 In order for any payment to be released, the PCC will require the grant recipient to:

- have accepted these conditions by signing and returning a copy of this Conditions of Award agreement,
- have provided a communications plan and agreed publicity for this decision;
- have provided appropriate bank details, and
- be in compliance of the terms of award

### 5. Monitoring and Reporting

5.1 Icenl Ipswich will provide an interim update and 12 month report on the grant and outcomes.

5.2 The PCC may require the attendance of any grant recipient at a public meeting of the PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel, on dates as determined by the PCC's Chief Executive. If this is the case the Chief Executive will advise the recipient.

5.3 The grant recipient must notify the PCC immediately if the organisation ceases to operate, the project does not proceed or if an underspend is forecast. Any underspend must be returned to the PCC.

### 6. Commissioning Principles

6.1 In the circumstances where the grant recipient commissions services from other bodies applications must be assessed (by the grant recipient) with good practice commissioning principles in mind (e.g. guidance on commissioning issued by the Association of Policing and Crime Chief Executives) and the PCC's Contract Regulations, and will have due regard for equality, diversity and human rights issues.

### 7. Publicity and Marketing

7.1 By accepting the award from the PCC the grant recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publicly and must acknowledge their funding from the PCC in all their promotional work. Any recipients of funding via the grant

recipient must display the PCC's logo in all publicity for the life of the initiative. Logo artwork can be provided upon request. Any exceptions must be agreed with the PCC.

7.2 The grant recipient will liaise with the PCC's Communications Manager to agree a communications plan, including publicising this funding decision.

8. Access to Information

8.1 The PCC expects reasonable access to any records and information held by the grant recipient for purposes associated with the award.

8.2 The PCC reserves the right to withhold all or any payments of the award if the PCC has reasonably requested information/documentation from the grant recipient and this has not been received by the PCC in the timescales reasonably required.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1 The award may not be used to support or promote religious activity. This will not include inter-faith activity.

9.2 The grant recipient must ensure that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure that it and anyone acting on its behalf complies with any applicable law for the time being in force (so far as binding on the recipient).

9.3 The grant recipient, and its employees, shall be careful not to be subject to conflicts of interest.

9.4 The grant recipient shall ensure that third party recipients have comprehensive insurance cover (including, but not limited to, public liability insurance) in place and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the PCC on request.

9.5 The PCC accepts no liability to the grant recipient or third party recipients for any costs, claims, damage or losses, however they are incurred, except for to the extent that they arise from personal injury or death which is caused by the PCC's negligence.

9.6 The grant recipient agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by the grant recipient or out of any breach by grant recipient of any of the conditions of award.

9.7 The grant recipient will, in relation to the service being commissioned, ensure that any data processing that is carried out to deliver the service meets the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) or other relevant data protection legislation, and further ensure that the rights of the data subject are delivered.

9.8 The grant recipient will be expected to evidence their compliance as appropriate with the GDPR and such other relevant legislation if asked to do so by the PCC.

10. Termination

10.1 This agreement may be terminated by either party giving the other at least three months' notice in writing.



**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT**

Iceni Ipswich accepts the offer of an award of £4,100 and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Grant on which the offer is made.

**On behalf of Iceni Ipswich:**

Signature	
Name:	
Position:	
Date:	

**Bank details for grant payment:**

Bank name:	
Branch name:	
Sort Code:	
Account name:	
Account number:	
Address:	
Postcode:	

**Signed on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk:**

Signature	
Name:	
Position:	
Date:	