

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING**

**DECISION NUMBER: 25 - 2022**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: SUFFOLK DOMESTIC ABUSE PERPETRATOR PROGRAMME  
GRANT FUNDING EXTENSION**

**SUMMARY:**

1. The Home Office have awarded grant funding of £246,000 to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk for continued delivery of the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme in Suffolk between April 2022 and March 2023. This extends Home Office funding first awarded in 2020 for the programme.
2. The programme of work will continue to be delivered by Suffolk Constabulary's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Unit through one to one behaviour change with perpetrators and by Icenl, a local charity, using the Venta Programme.
3. Monitoring requirements and assessment of risk will continue throughout the project to ensure successful delivery.
4. The funding delivers on Objective 2 in the Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025 by supporting effective domestic abuse perpetrator provision to prevent abuse and reduce re-offending and the objective in the draft Suffolk Multi-agency Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy to pursue perpetrators.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the PCC:

1. Accepts the offer of grant funding of £246,000 from the Home Office for delivery of the Suffolk Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme;
2. Agrees the award of £140,000 to Icenl for the delivery of the Venta programme and £106,000 to Suffolk Constabulary for continued delivery by the DA Perpetrator Unit between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.



**Signature:**

**Date: 26 July 2022**

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report documents the Home Office grant offer of £246,000 to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to continue funding the Suffolk domestic abuse perpetrator programme.
- 1.2 In 2020, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) led a successful application for Domestic Abuse (DA) Perpetrator Programme funding from the Home Office supported by Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk County Council and local charity Icení.
- 1.3 The objective in the bid was to engage with more perpetrators on quality programmes, that support sustained behaviour change. The intended outcomes are to reduce reoffending and repeat victimisation, while protecting victims and their families.
- 1.4 Delivery was through one to one behaviour change with perpetrators delivered by Suffolk Constabulary's DA Perpetrator Unit (DAPU) and expansion of Icení's Venta group programme across Suffolk.
- 1.5 Further background on original bid for funding in 2020 can be found in [Decision 1-2021](#) and subsequent funding in [Decision 1-2022](#).
- 1.6 Delivery commenced in 2020 and monitoring information indicates the following was achieved in the period to March 2022:
  - Recruitment and training of personnel
  - 735 one to one sessions across Venta and DAPU have been delivered and 116 Venta group sessions
  - There have been 64 completers during the period, 8 supported by the DA Perpetrator Unit and 56 on the Venta programme, supported by Icení
  - Icení gained Respect accreditation
  - Most participants were rated as medium risk although Venta has worked with a number of high risk perpetrators during the year
  - Venta report that a range of indicators show that completers evidence considerable change and a marked reduction in risk of harm to partners children and families
  - The cases referred through social care are seeing reduction in the level of social care need and intervention and even a move to no active Social Care involvement

### 2. HOME OFFICE DOMESTIC ABUSE PERPETRATOR PROGRAMME FUNDING

- 2.1 In April 2022, the Home Office proposed potential additional funding to extend the duration the DA programmes. The funding available was equivalent to the previous grant which had covered delivery over a six month period (October 2021 – March 2022). A maximum of £246k was available for Suffolk but delivery was expected to be over the full 12 month period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023, meaning that match funding was required.
- 2.2 The OPCC provided a delivery proposal which set out continued delivery of the programme largely in the current format but with some changes to increase resource and improve delivery in line with learning to date.

- 2.3 Confirmation of Home Office funding was provided in May 2022 and as a consequence, this decision paper recommends accepting the grant award and funding Icenl and Suffolk Constabulary in order to continue delivery of DA perpetrator programmes in Suffolk.
- 2.4 Evaluation of both programme elements is due in summer 2022 and will inform future DA perpetrator commissioning aligned to the new Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy.

### 3. MONITORING AND OUTCOMES

- 3.1 The Home Office grant agreement sets out the requirement for the OPCC to report quarterly on progress with the activities.
- Period 1 (April – June 2022) by 14 July 2022
  - Period 2 (July – Sept 2022) by 14 October 2022
  - Period 3 (Oct – Dec 2022) by 14 Jan 2023
  - Period 4 (Jan - Mar 2023) by 14 April 2023
- 3.2 Monitoring requirements for the extension of the grant remain the same as in the original agreement and cover an update of progress; provision of data including referrals and demographics; financial update including forecast underspend and risk assessment from Suffolk Constabulary and Icenl.
- 3.3 The Head of Commissioning will provide oversight of the project, meet quarterly with the delivery partners and liaise with the Home Office.

### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Home Office have awarded grant funding of £246,000 from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk.
- 4.2 Funding will be allocated as follows to support delivery of the programme. Funding is claimed from the Home Office quarterly in arrears in accordance with the grant agreement.

Suffolk Constabulary	£106,000
Icenl	£140,000
Total	£246,000

- 4.3 There is a match funding requirement of up to £110k to meet the costs of delivery until 31 March 2023. Icenl will match fund £57,000 through grant funding raising and their reserves if necessary. Suffolk Constabulary will match funding costs of the delivery for DAPU through existing budget.
- 4.4 Funding requested from the Home Office included the costs of 1 police constable and 3 Behaviour Change workers and clinical supervision.
- 4.5 Funding to Icenl includes funding the Group programme facilitator, support staff costs, and the cost of running 6 group programmes, support for partners and a contribution to indirect costs such as premises costs, utilities and office consumables. A contract is in place with Icenl until 31 March 2023.

## **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

- 5.1 The programmes have been supported by Home Office funding since 2020 and have continued delivery through the Covid-19 pandemic. Risk assessments are reviewed quarterly as part of the regular monitoring and any risk and proposed mitigation is reported to the Home Office. The following factors will be monitored and mitigated where necessary: under/overspend; insufficient referrals; delivery changes in response external factors; response to evaluation findings and sustainability of programmes.
- 5.2 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered the delivery partners (Suffolk Constabulary and Icenii) are required to notify the PCC.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the PCC:

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<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
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: 25 July 2022**