



## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>DECISION:</b> 2024/28	<b>DATE:</b> 03/10/2024
<b>TITLE:</b> AWARD OF PAN-LANCASHIRE ALL AGE SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE	
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<b>Executive Summary</b> This report asks the Police and Crime Commissioner to accept the outcome of the tender evaluation process for the provision of Sexual Violence services 2025-28 with the option to extend to 2030.	
<b>Recommendation</b> The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to accept the tender submission from Victim Support to provide the Pan Lancashire All Age Sexual Violence Service.	

## PART II

### 1. Background and Advice

- 1.1 Following notice being given to the current provider of Lancashire Victim Services in January 2024, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner commissioned a full needs assessment of the victim services landscape.
- 1.2 The needs assessment identified some opportunities for improving the sexual violence element of Lancashire Victim Services, this included changes to the delivery model of victim services with creation of a dedicated countywide all age ISVA and sexual violence support service.
- 1.3 Therefore, in designing the new victims' commission, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner put out to market a tender opportunity for the provision of such a service. This opportunity was published on the InTend procurement portal.
- 1.4 The service was specified in accordance the recommended needs to be all age, which broadens the scope of the previous service to meet the needs of victims aged under 5 years old.
- 1.5 The OPCC gave providers a budget envelope of £550,000 per annum, for three years, with the option to extend a further one plus one years. Total funding envelope of £2,750,000 over five years.
- 1.6 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received one tender submission, from Victim Support. A panel of multiagency partners, including OPCC, Lancashire Constabulary and NHSE, met to evaluate the submission.
- 1.7 Cost for the service was weighted at 30%. As there was only one submission and the tender same in on budget at £550,000 per annum the full 30% was awarded.
- 1.8 The method statement had 6 quality statements, each with a specific weighting. See below table for scoring.

<b>Award Criteria</b>	<b>% Weighting (Maximum score possible)</b>	<b>VS % Score</b>
Method Statement 1 – Competency	<b>20%</b>	<b>17.14%</b>
Method Statement 2 – Staffing and Structure	<b>15%</b>	<b>10.71%</b>
Method Statement 3 – Mobilisation	<b>5%</b>	<b>3.57%</b>
Method Statement 4 – Service Delivery	<b>15%</b>	<b>12.86%</b>
Method Statement 5 – Branding and Digital Resource	<b>5%</b>	<b>4.29%</b>
Method Statement 6 – Social Value	<b>10%</b>	<b>8.57%</b>
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>57.14%</b>
Price	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>87.14</b>

- 1.9 The evaluation concluded that the service achieved the critical qualification criteria and scored 87.14% overall.

## **2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

The provision of a sexual violence service supports the commissioner in meeting his requirements to commission services supporting victims of crime.

It supports the priority to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls which will be one of the priorities in the new Police and Crime Plan.

## **3. Consultations**

Representatives from Forbes Solicitors continue to provide legal guidance and integrity assurance on the contracting process.

The Procurement Manager from Lancashire Constabulary was virtually represented on the evaluation panel, and have had oversight of the procurement process.

The evaluation panel was made up of representatives from the OPCC, Lancashire Constabulary and NHS England.

## **4. Implications:**

### **a. Legal**

There will need to be a new contract for the Sexual Violence Service in place for delivery from 1st April 2025.

### **b. Financial**

The cost of the contract is £550,000 per annum. These costs are covered by the Ministry of Justice grant.

### **c. Equality Impact Assessment**

The OPCC is currently undertaking an EIA which takes in to consideration all changes made under the recommissioning of Victim Services, no direct equality implications have been identified to date.

### **d. Data Protection Impact Assessment**

DPIA to be agreed.

## **5 Risk Management**

Should contracts not be in place for 1st April the OPCC will not have the provision for victims of sexual violence.

## **6. Background Papers**

Full evaluation and scoring papers available.

## **7. Public access to information**

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