



## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>DECISION: 2024/33</b>	<b>DATE: 27/01/2025</b>
<b>TITLE: EVALUATION OF THE LANCASHIRE MULTI AGENCY RISK REDUCTION ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION (MARRAC MODEL)</b>	
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<b>Executive Summary</b> <p>The OPCC has supported the development of the new Multi Agency Risk Reduction Assessment and Coordination model in Lancashire, this model replaces the old MARAC model for coordinating support for High Risk Domestic Abuse.</p> <p>We recently shared an Expressions of Interest call with established research and evaluation organisations.</p> <p>This report details an overview of proposals, the evaluation criteria, price and award recommendation.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b> <p>The Commissioner is recommended to award the contract for evaluation of MARRAC to Connect Centre School of Law and Policing at the University of Central Lancashire.</p>	

# **PART I**

## **Background and Advice**

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire (OPCC) and Lancashire Constabulary have put out to the market and Expression of Interest call for an independent evaluator with the capability and expertise to assess the efficacy of the county's new Multi Agency Risk Reduction, Assessment and Coordination (MARRAC) model.

The EOI call asked for details on how providers would;

- Deliver a 2 phase evaluation, with rapid and full reports.
- Indicative costs were given at £60,000.
- Conduct literature review, case dip sample, observations of meetings and interview key stakeholders.
- The provider should consider quantitative and qualitative data in addressing specified research questions.
- The evaluation will be delivered between February 2025 and January 2026.

Evaluation criteria was weighted 30% price 70% quality. Quality submissions were scored in accordance with the current 0-7 point scale.

Scores for the two bids submitted below.

Provider	Price	Quality	Total
M.E.L	30%	40%	70%
UCLAN	27.39%	60%	87.39%

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

The evaluation of MARRAC – which is the function of coordinating support for victims of Domestic Abuse at High Risk, supports the commissioner in meeting his priorities to prevent violence against women and girls and also support victims of crime.

Independent evaluation of services supports the commissioner in rebuilding trust and confidence.

## **3. Consultations**

Evaluations were conducted in collaboration between the OPCC and Lancashire Constabulary. Procurement supported with technical advice on award.

## **4. Implications:**

**a. Legal**

The allocation of this funding will be via contract from February 2025.

**b. Financial**

The cost of the evaluation will be £59,729.71, this will be covered by the MOJ Grant 2024/25.

**c. Equality Impact Assessment**

Not needed. EIA for Domestic Abuse services is covered in the wider victim services EIA.

**d. Data Protection Impact Assessment**

DPIA to be agreed.

**5 Risk Management**

The OPCC will continue to assess and manage risk throughout the lifetime of this project.

**6. Background Papers**

EIA Call available externals, submissions by providers is restricted due to commercially sensitive information.

**7. Public access to information**

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Officer declaration	Date
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – As above</b>	
<p><b>Author</b></p> <p>Signature Rebecca Keech                      Date 27/01/2025</p>	
<p><b>Sponsor</b></p> <p>I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct.</p> <p>Signature Steve Freeman                      Date 27/01/2025</p>	
<p><b>Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p> <p>I have read the above report and have considered the financial implications. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate (financial) request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature Steve Freeman                      Date 27/01/2025</p>	
<p><b>Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire</b></p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature Anna Hopkins                      Date 27/01/2025</p>	