



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 59/2025	DATE: 4TH DECEMBER 2025
TITLE: Ministry of Justice Allocation – Uplift to the Children and Young People's Service (Nest) for Domestic Abuse	
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SPONSOR: Rebecca Keech, Senior Policy and Partnerships Manager (Commissioning and Procurement)	
Executive Summary <p>This recommendation seeks the approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner to allocate £318,801.00 to Victim Support to uplift the children and young people's contract to support victims of domestic abuse through the Ministry of Justice DA/SV allocation for one year.</p>	
Recommendation <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to allocate £318,801 to Victim Support to uplift the Nest children and young people's contract to support victims of domestic abuse via grant agreement for one year.</p>	

PART I

1. Background and Advice

- 1.1 On December 1st, 2025, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received notification from the Ministry of Justice of Lancashire's grant allocation for 2026/27 – 2027/28. Lancashire OPCC have been allocated £2,410,747.03 in 2026/27 and £2,458,961.97 through the additional DA/SV funding.
- 1.2 This recommendation paper seeks the approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner to allocate a portion of the funding through the Ministry of Justice additional DA/SV grant to uplift the Nest children and young people's contract to support victims of domestic abuse.
- 1.3 In 2024, Victim Support were awarded the contract for Pan-Lancashire Children and Young People's Nest Service. This service supports victims of general crime between the ages of 5 and 18 (up to 25 for people with additional needs) – Appendix A – 31/2024 Recommendation Award of Pan-Lancashire Children and Young People's Nest Service.
- 1.4 In 2025/26, the children and young people's domestic abuse provision contractually aligned to domestic abuse, however, is operationally managed by the Nest team. In November 2025, the OPCC awarded the domestic abuse contract to the DASSL service which adopts a new model. Appendix B – 15/2025 Invitation to Tender for the Provision of a Lancashire County Council Area Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment and Safety Planning Service.
- 1.5 The OPCC are working alongside Lancashire County Council to enhance the children and young people's service for domestic abuse victims delivered through the DASSL service (commissioned by Lancashire County Council). From April 1st, 2027, the domestic abuse element of the children and young people's service will sit within the DASSL service as commissioned by Lancashire County Council.
- 1.6 This recommendation seeks the approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner to uplift the current Nest children and young people's service to support victims of domestic abuse for one year starting April 1st, 2026.
- 1.7 The uplift into the Nest children and young people's contract will be formalised via a grant agreement. The agreement will cover one year funding. The uplift will be utilised to continue funding the following posts:

Staffing Posts	Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
Team Leader	1.00
Caseworker Term Time Only	4.00
Caseworker Full Time	2.40

- 1.8 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will monitor the uplift through quarterly performance meetings.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty to fund support services for victims of crime.
This decision supports the commitment to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls, Priority 1 in the Police and Crime Plan.

3. Consultations

4. Implications:

a. Legal

The grant will cover one year uplift funding to the Nest children and young people's contract.

b. Financial

The budget allocation for this uplift funding is £318,801 for 2026/27. The funding will be allocated through the Ministry of Justice DA/SV allocation.

A grant agreement will be established between the OPCC and Victim Support.

c. Equality Impact Assessment

EIA was completed by OPCC – this is under review and will be extended accordingly.

d. Data Protection Assessment

Victim Support have DPIA's with Lancashire Constabulary and other relevant partners which will support the service. The OPCC will ensure the DPIA is reviewed by Victim Support.

5 Risk Management

See Appendix D – Risk Register

6. Background Papers

Appendix A: Decision and Recommendation 31/2024: Award of Pan-Lancashire Children and Young People's Nest Service.

Appendix B: Decision and Recommendation 15/2025: Invitation to Tender for the Provision of a Lancashire County Council Area Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment and Safety Planning Service.

Appendix C: Pricing Schedule for CYP uplift for 2026/27.

Appendix D: Risk Register

7. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Author <div>Signature: Emily Slinger</div> <div>Date: 16.12.25</div>	
Sponsor I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. <div>Signature: Rebecca Keech</div> <div>Date: 16.12.25</div>	
Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner 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. <div>Signature: Steve Freeman</div> <div>Date: 16.12.25</div>	
Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire 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. <div>Signature: Anna Hopkins</div> <div>Date: 16.12.25</div>	