

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: DECEMBER 2019	OPCC Ref:71/2019
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CHILDREN AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION

Executive Summary

The PCC has appointed Catch 22 as the new service provider of the Derby and Derbyshire victim service for children at risk of exploitation following an open invitation to tender. This service compliments other services in the suite of services to help victims of crime to cope and recover.

Decision

To appoint Catch 22 as the new service provider of the Derby and Derbyshire victim service for children at risk of exploitation following an open invitation to tender. The contract will commence on 13 January 2020 for three years with the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months to the value of £175,000 per annum.

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Hardyal Dhindsa

Date DECEMBER2019

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred No

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted 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

Name Andrew Dale

Date DECEMBER 2019

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ASSURANCE BOARD

REPORT TITLE	CHILDREN AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION
REPORT BY	DAWN ROBINSON
DATE	DECEMBER 2019

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE RE-COMMISSIONING OF THE CONTRACT FOR CHILDREN AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

To record the decision to appoint Catch 22 as the new service provider of the Derby and Derbyshire victim service for children at risk of exploitation following an open invitation to tender. The contract will commence on 13 January 2020 for three years with the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months to the value of £175,000 per annum.

CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES

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OVERVIEW

- CRE is a growing concern across the country and both government and local authorities have all seen the impact that exploitation has had on children. Through research and local and national intelligence, local authorities have a better understanding of how sexual exploitation links to other behaviours which put children at risk of exploitative harm.
- It is recognised that children may now be affected by 'modern day risks' and that exploitation does not recognise race, ability, disability, sexual orientation, gender or class and all children are vulnerable to exploitation. While exploitation is child abuse, this strategy will no longer identify Child Sexual Exploitation as a single risk as research informs that children are at risk of a myriad of exploitative behaviours in modern day society and may move between these dependent on their level of need. Exploitation may be evident through a range of behaviours including:
 - Child Sexual Exploitation;
 - Female Genital Mutilation;
 - Forced Marriage and Honour Base Violence;
 - Trafficking and County Lines;
 - Modern Day Slavery;
 - Extremism and Radicalisation;
 - Poor mental health;
 - Missing and homelessness;
 - Cyber and off and online abuse;
 - Gang related activity.
- The OPCC office holds and manages contracts for both victim and non-victim services. Victim services are provided through the CORE (**C**ope and **R**ecover) offer which provides for support services for all victims of crime and then specialist provision for Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Violence, CRE, Hate Crime, Young People and Restorative Justice.
- Following an open invitation to tender, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Derbyshire, Derby City and Derbyshire County Council have commissioned an experienced provider to deliver a service to support children and young people vulnerable to sexual abuse and other forms of exploitation. The contract will commence on 13 January 2020 for three years with the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months to the value of £175,000.

- The Service will directly support children and young people, who are at significant risk of being sexually and/or exploited (medium and high risk). This will result in a person-centred plan that improves their individual outcomes and builds future resilience against risk of exploitation. The Service will operate in the City and County and will encourage self-referrals from individuals and families as well as those referred through local authority routes.
- The Service will have a flexible response to meeting emerging vulnerabilities and risks of exploitation around the child or young person and work with commissioners and safeguarding leads to respond to changes to service demand and delivery.

SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND

Alongside the work to implement the Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire in promoting safer communities, the PCC's primary function in respect of victims is to deliver the Victims' Code of Practice¹ in line with EU regulations² i.e.

- Free of charge
- Confidential
- Non-discriminatory
- Available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police, and
- Available before, during and for an appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings

The European Union (EU) Directive on Victims of Crime states that services, at a minimum, should offer:

- *Information regarding the criminal justice system*
- *Information regarding the rights of victims and how to access such rights*
- *Information and assistance applying for criminal injuries compensation*
- *Information regarding the criminal justice trial and preparation to attend trial*

¹ Ministry of Justice (2015) Victims Code of Practice

² EU regulations

- *Emotional and psychological support*
 - *Advice relating to financial and practical challenges following the crime*
 - *Information relating to the risk and prevention of secondary and repeat victimisation, intimidation and retaliation*
 - *Access to appropriate services specifically targeting the needs of the individual victim*
- To achieve these outcomes, all commissioned providers will need to develop and support the work across Derbyshire as a partner to ensure a whole systems approach for victims.
 - The overall vision and ambition is to reduce the number of victims and crimes over time, deliver positive outcomes for victims and communities, improve and ensure equal access and increase the confidence and number of people coming forward for support and/or to report the crime to the police.
 - To do this the PCC works in partnership with Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils, Derbyshire Constabulary, the Criminal Justice Service and voluntary and public sector statutory providers of services, towards the shared ambition of a consistent and seamless victim service across city and county, whatever the assessed risk or need. This work includes wide consultation with victims' services and key stakeholders in Derbyshire.
 - Between the periods of February to November 2018 the Derbyshire Constabulary Child Sexual Exploitation Investigation (CSEIU) team saw a 175% increase in the number of victims assessed at high risk of CSE with the figure rising from 8 to 22 victims (5 out of force, 6 County and 11 City).
 - This in part is due to an increased awareness around CSE (through education and training), ongoing partnership work and an improved mechanism of reporting through the use of Op Liberty Forms.
 - During the same period a significant increase in the number of medium risk victims was seen with an increase of 100% from 17 to 34 (7 out of force, 12 County and 15 City).
 - Derbyshire has the highest number of CSE incidents reported within the five regional forces in the East Midlands.