

Freedom of Information request

Your request for information using Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislation has been received in the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Please excuse this delayed response.

The text of your specific request is repeated below with relevant information beneath each point highlighted in red.

“----- requests information regarding your commissioned services for survivors of domestic violence and abuse.*

For each question apart from Question 7, please provide information broken down into the following categories:

- a) Your commissioned services for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse*
- b) Your commissioned services for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse*
- c) Your commissioned services which are for either women or men experiencing domestic violence and abuse*
- d) Your commissioned services for groups with specific needs such as BME women, disabled women, and LGBTQ survivors experiencing domestic violence and abuse*

- 1. What is the value of your commissioned services, and has this amount increased or decreased since it was last commissioned?*

The value of commissioned services for Domestic Violence is £612,152; this amount has increased since it was last commissioned.

The services can be categorised as per the information below. Please note all services are inclusive of BME, Disabled and LGBTQ.

Women: £640,000
Men and women: £ 72,659
Total: £712,659

2. *Which organisation or organisations currently hold the contract for your commissioned services? When are these services due to be re-commissioned? Please include dates of when tender documents will be available.*

Victim Support – low/standard risk

West Midlands Specialist Domestic Violence Consortium (Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid, Black Country Women's Aid, Coventry Haven and Wolverhampton Haven). These services will be re-commissioned in April 2017. The Police & Crime Commissioner's Office for the West Midlands issues grants so tender documents will not be available.

3. *When your services were commissioned, was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Has your procurement team or legal advisors ensured that your decisions were compliant with both the EU Procurement Directive and the EU Directive on Victim's Rights?*

No, an Equality Impact Assessment was not carried out. However, we do ensure that all our services are accessible.

4. *How many expressions of interest did you receive and how many final bids did you receive?*

None as the Police & Crime Commissioner's office directly commissions services through a grants process, not procurement.

5. *How much did the commissioning process cost you?*

£37,222 - This includes salary costs and associated costs of commissioning such as workshops, travel and training and has been prorated based on the cost of Domestic Violence.

6. *Was the decision to commission your services made as part of a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy?*

The decision to commission services was made to meet the need identified in the PCC's Police & Crime Plan however the priorities within that plan do align with the priorities within the VAWG Strategy.

7. *Mapping of provision:*

- a. *Did you undertake mapping of service provision as part of the commissioning process for domestic violence and abuse?*
- b. *If yes, please list details of the domestic violence service providers in your local authority that are NOT commissioned by the local authority following categories: (i) services for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse (ii) services for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse; (iii) women or men experiencing domestic violence and abuse (iv) BME women, disabled women, and LGBTQ survivors experiencing domestic violence and abuse.*

The Police & Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands covers 7 local authorities. Service provision is commissioned by the PCC to provide access to services for women and children consistently across the West Midlands which also includes service provision for BME women, disabled women and women from the LGBTQ community. Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid provides these services in Solihull and Birmingham. Black Country Women's Aid provides these services in Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell. Coventry Haven (Women's Aid) provides services in Coventry and, similarly, Wolverhampton Haven (Women's Aid) provides services in Wolverhampton.

The Police & Crime Commissioner does not directly commission services for men experiencing domestic abuse. However, some of our projects such as Black Country Women's Aid do offer services to men. Victim Support is commissioned to provide services to all low to standard risk victims of domestic abuse including the communities mentioned above.

I trust this response satisfies your request in full. However, your attention is drawn to your right to request a re-examination of your FOI request under the Police and Crime Commissioner's review procedure (attached). Please note that such an appeal must be received within 6 months of the date of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

*name removed to preserve the anonymity of the requester