

**3 July 2014****Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES****Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To secure the approval from the Public Health committee to re-procure Domestic Violence services in conjunction with the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Information and Advice**

- 2 Tackling Domestic Violence remains a strategic priority for Nottinghamshire and this is articulated in the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) plan, the Health and Well Being strategy and Safer Nottinghamshire Board priorities. Recently a comprehensive review of domestic violence services has been completed (led by the PCC), this along with the update of the Domestic Violence section in the JSNA provide us with a base upon which to inform commissioning intentions. This work is very timely as the majority of domestic violence services commissioned by the Council have a contract end date of summer 2015.
- 3 As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 all funding to support Domestic Violence from NCC comes from the Public Health Grant and is in the region of £1million per annum, and is a mixture of contracted services and those funded through Grant Aid. An additional £800,000 comes from other partners, the biggest contributor being the PCC. Over the next few years NCC will need to meet budgetary challenges and this will have an impact on the way in which the Public health grant is used.
- 4 Permission is being sought to begin the process of retendering DV services. The Council would like to work with the PCC to develop a joint commissioning arrangement which would involve the Council acting as the lead commissioner. At the time of writing this paper, it is anticipated that new service arrangements will be in place by October 2015. However this will be dependent on there being clarity by February 2015 regarding the financial envelope allocated to Domestic Violence.

**Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5 The recommissioning of services offers an opportunity to make some changes which enable freedom and flexibility on the part of providers to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children against agreed outcomes. By jointly commissioning with the PCC there is a greater opportunity for efficiencies.

**Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 6 Tackling Domestic Violence is a community safety priority

## **Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Implications**

- 7 Services working with and for Victims of Domestic Violence are required to work in accordance with local safeguarding arrangements

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Public Health Committee:

- 1) Approves the reprocurement of Domestic Abuse Services through a competitive procurement process, and authorises work to begin on the process.
- 2) Receives a further report regarding the process timetable and proposed budgetary envelope following further discussion with the PCC and appropriate internal authorisations.
- 3) Agrees to the Council acting as the lead commissioner working with the PCC.

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## **Constitutional Comments (HD – 24/6/2014)**

The recommendations fall within the remit of the Public Health Committee

## **Financial Comments (KAS 11/06/14)**

8. The financial implications are contained within paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Nottinghamshire PCC Domestic Abuse Review will be available from the following website  
<http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Home.aspx>

[Domestic Violence chapter JSNA Nottinghamshire 2014](#)

[Health and Wellbeing Board January 2013: Tackling Domestic Violence in Nottinghamshire](#)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All