

Funding for Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Support Services 2022 - 2025

Funding Opportunity Q&A Session
21st April 2022



Funding Overview

- **2022/23 National Funding Commitment:**
 - A. £27m ringfenced to retain add. ID/SVAs recruited in 2020-22
 - B. £15.7m ringfenced for Community-based D&SA Support Services
 - C. £3.75m ringfenced to recruit an add. 100x ID/SVAs
- PCCs must complete a **Joint Needs Assessment** for 22/23 to evidence:
 - B. Need for Community-based D&SA Support Services
 - C. Need to recruit an add. ID/SVAs
- **No PCC allocations / indicative funding available;** allocations for Community-based D&SA Support Services &/or add. ID/SVAs decided by MoJ based on Needs Assessments & evaluation of all funding requests nationally
- PCCs **must submit all eligible funding requests** received, but will confirm support for & prioritise/rank according to local knowledge/priorities
- MoJ may offer **partial funding** depending on the number & quality of eligible funding requests
- Any allocation of funding will be **guaranteed on a multi-year basis for 2022-25;** with flexibility to ensure continue to meet changing local need & demand
- **Funding must be spent within the FY that is allocated;** any underspend will need to be returned to the MoJ at the end of each FY; if there are significant underspend, may be required to provide evidence for continued need for funding in future years



Key Dates

- Thursday 21st April 2022** - Potential Bidders Q&A Session with OPFCC
- Friday 29th April 2022** - Deadline for Funding Requests to be submitted to OPFCC by local organisations
- Friday 6th May 2022** - Deadline for submission of Joint Needs Assessment & Funding Requests to MoJ
- Friday 20th May 2022** - Funding allocations communicated by MoJ to PCCs
- Wednesday 1st June 2022** - Initial Payments will be made by MoJ to PCCs



Joint Needs Assessment

PCCs must undertake a Joint Needs Assessment **in collaboration with Local Authorities** to include:

- Relevant **criminal justice data** i.e. reported incidents / recorded crimes
- How **funding is currently allocated**
- **Current caseloads & waiting list** numbers for existing support services, broken down by type of service / point in service
 - must consider **specialist support for specific groups** such as LGBTQ, BAME, C&YP, male victims &/or those with disabilities
 - must ensure captures & reflects the overall need in the area, **whether or not currently funded services**
- Explanation of current **local challenges** & how the funding will address these challenges
- Explanation of **how local needs assessments are completed**



General Funding Criteria

- Organisations **must provide community-based support services in NY&Y** which have the purpose of **helping victims of SV or DA to cope & recover**
 - funding **must be used to support direct service delivery** including: specialist support workers; specialist court support, including family court; face to face or remote counselling for individuals &/or their families/children
 - funding **cannot be used for campaigning activities**
 - funding **cannot be used for capital works** such as building repairs but can be used for ICT equipment
 - funding **cannot be used to provide accommodation** or support services within safe accommodation
- **Small &/or 'by and for' organisations** who support those with protected characteristics are encouraged to apply
- Organisations **do not need to be a registered charity**, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise to be eligible for this funding
 - Organisations can **collaborate as a consortium**, including public bodies such as local authorities
- PCCs must undertake appropriate **due diligence** & fraud risk assessments for all organisations not currently commissioned



Eligibility & Evaluation Criteria

DA & SV Funding Eligibility

- Capacity building & Outreach support is in scope
- ID/SVAs (wrap-around & associated costs) is in scope
- Where support for both DA & SV, indicative proportional split to be provided

Evaluation Criteria:

- Evidence of need & demand, including current caseloads & waiting lists
- Any increase in demand in comparison to previous years, & estimated future need & demand
- Evidence of gaps in provision specifically for underrepresented victims & survivors i.e. protected characteristics, males and children & young people
- Evidence of how your proposal will support &/or enhance existing service provision, avoiding duplication
- How the funding requested will be used to meet identified need & demand, & can be spent in full within FY allocated

ID/SVA Funding Eligibility

- Funding must be used to employ specific posts / FTEs, including training and on-costs
- Translation costs will also be considered
- Outreach support is not in scope

Evaluation Criteria:

- Existing Staffing & capacity, broken down by specialism – for context only
- Evidence of need & demand, including current caseloads & waiting lists
- Any increase in demand in comparison to previous years, & estimated future need & demand
- Breakdown of posts funding requested for & associated costs, with estimated start dates

