



COVID-19 Extraordinary Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services

On 2 May 2020, the Government announced a package of £76m extra funding to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse (DA), sexual violence (SV), vulnerable children and their families, as well as victims of modern slavery, during the COVID-19 emergency pandemic.

Of this £76m funding package, £25m will be administered by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and distributed via Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).

The COVID-19 extraordinary funding is to meet the additional costs West Yorkshire registered charities or social enterprise have incurred or will incur whilst adapting their services during the pandemic, and to cope with demand increases resulting from it, during this time period.

On 19 May 2020, the MoJ notified us of the maximum amount of COVID-19 extraordinary funding that can be made available to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire by the Secretary of State for Justice for the financial period from 24 March 2020 to 31 October 2020 inclusive.

The PCC received funding requests from 16 organisations from across West Yorkshire and the total allocated to providers is £495,640 for the period from 24 March 2020 to 31 October 2020 inclusive. The funding is ring-fenced for COVID-19 related emergency funding.

The table on page 2 provides information of each service funded through the COVID-19 Extraordinary Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services.

“Coronavirus has forced us all to work in very different ways and this funding has presented a valuable opportunity to ensure we are making the most of resources accessible to those that need them the most.

“I am really pleased that we have been able to offer grants to a variety of different organisations across the region to offer vital support and advice to victims of domestic and sexual abuse. It’s been a real challenge to turn this around so quickly, but thanks to the staff at the Office of PCC (OPCC) and all our partner organisations in receipt of this funding we have been able to move quickly and achieve it.”

Mark Burns-Williamson
West Yorkshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

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Organisation	Provision type	Emergency requirements funded	Amount
Anah Project	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	IT equipment, mobile phones and increase in utility costs to support the community	£4,795.95
Behind Closed Doors	Domestic Abuse support	Additional staff hours and salaries, mobile phones and upgrades to online and virtual technology	£52,789.62
Bradford Rape Crisis	Sexual Violence support	Additional staff hours and salaries, mobile phones, laptops, increased counselling and supervision, specialist community support and additional interpreter costs and PPE	£39,587.75
JAMES (Joint Activities and Motor Education Service)	Domestic Abuse support	Staff hours, loss of income and mobile phones	£25,659
Karma Nirvana	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Additional Advocacy staff hours, PPE and video call facilities	£15,128
Kirklees and Calderdale Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (KCRASAC)	Sexual Violence support	Additional staff hours and salaries	£12,500
Leeds Women's Aid	Domestic Abuse support	IT equipment, mobile phones, lap tops, working from home equipment and additional interpreter costs, specialist community support and additional interpreter costs	£26,872.55
Leeds Women's Aid – Leeds Domestic Violence Service	Domestic Abuse support	Additional staff hours and salaries	£43,077.20
Shantona Women's and Family Centre	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	IT equipment, laptops and anti-virus software	£13,244
Staying Put	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Additional staff hours and salaries, mobile phones, lap tops, PPE and loss of income and planned fundraising activities	£48,000
Support after Rape and Sexual Violence (SARSVL)	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Additional staff hours and salaries, increased use of online and virtual technology and use of confidential group online platforms.	£11,889
Survivors West Yorkshire	Sexual Violence support	Additional staff hours and salaries, virtual counselling and upgrades to online and virtual technology	£18,808
Victim Support	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Additional staff hours and salaries, mobile phones, laptops, counselling and victims hardship fund	£126,217
WomenCentre Limited	Domestic Abuse support	Additional staff hours, salaries and supervision, transport to refuges, additional counselling, mobile phones and laptops	£27,752
Women's Health Matters	Domestic Abuse support	Additional staff hours and salaries, video conferencing facilities, office and health and safety adaptations and victims wellbeing packs	£24,465.94
Yorkshire Children's Centre	Domestic Abuse support	Staff salaries and loss of income	£4,875. 10