

Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services



Office of the
**Police & Crime
Commissioner**
West Yorkshire

Police and Crime Commissioner Funding

On 1 February 2021 Ministry of Justice (MoJ) announced additional one-year funding to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse (DA) and sexual violence (SV).

This guidance covers the uplift funding for SV and DA services, as well as the National ISVA and IDVA fund. The additional funding will be distributed via Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).

The national breakdown in the allocation of this funding is as follows:

- Sexual Violence £4.625m
- Domestic Abuse £8.95m
- National ISVA and IDVA Fund £16m

There will also be an additional £1.5m available through a 'critical support fund'. Further details on how to access this fund will be provided to PCCs shortly, but applications will not open until after the SV and DA allocations have been finalised.

West Yorkshire allocation

West Yorkshire PCC has been allocated a total of £350,748 uplift for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services as follows;

Domestic Abuse Support Uplift: £212,895

Sexual Violence Support Uplift: £137,853

IMPORTANT

Submission information

We are asking for providers to submit a completed needs assessment and return no later than **12noon Friday 26th February 2021**.

The needs assessment template accompanies this information on our website. Please complete and return using '**Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services needs assessment**' in the title of the email and send to both of the following email addresses.

julia.clough@westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

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If you are not currently funded by the PCC please include a copy of your annual accounts with your submission.

If you have not had a submission acknowledgment email by 5pm Monday 1st March please contact Julia Clough, Head of Commissioning on mobile: 07716 701 705

General conditions

Unlike the extraordinary Covid-19 funding provided in 2020/21, organisations **do not need to be a registered charity, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise to be eligible for this funding.** They must, however, provide support services in West Yorkshire which have the purpose of helping victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence cope with the impacts of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced.

- This funding is subject to grant agreement conditions which must be adhered to when allocating funds.
- The process is open to all relevant support organisations in West Yorkshire and we encourage applications from small specialist organisations that support groups with protected characteristics.
- The names of all organisations that requested funding, and those that are successful, will be published on completion of the process.

Needs Assessment process

To ensure the West Yorkshire needs assessment is a fair assessment across all areas, the PCC needs to establish the following as part of the process:

- if an organisation is currently funded by the PCC,
- if the organisation supports victims with protected characteristics (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, LGBT, disabled victims),
- if the organisation supports male victims.

The PCC must be assured organisations have a proven track record of providing tailored services for particular groups such as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, LGBT, disabled, and male victims are included when we are establishing the local need, and ensure all are proportionately represented within funding allocations.

The PCCs office will engage with other local commissioners, including the Local Authority, when establishing and assessing local need. As part of the process The PCCs office will be undertaking appropriate due diligence and fraud risk assessments in relation to organisations funded through this allocation.

Timeline

Date	Action
Tuesday 16 th February	Information published on OPCC website
12noon Friday 26 th February	Providers to submit their completed Needs Assessment
Tuesday 2 nd March	PCC decision on funding allocation
Wednesday 3 rd March	Deadline for PCC to inform MoJ if they do not require the full funding uplift allocated.
w/c 8 th March	Clarification Q&A with providers, <i>if required</i>
Monday 8 th March	Engagement with local commissioners, including the Local Authority regarding PCCs assessment of local need.
w/c 15 th March	MoJ Funding offers communicated and grant agreements sent to PCCs
w/c Monday 22 March	PCC to submit final funding uplift needs assessment to MoJ
From Thursday 1 April	Grant agreements signed by providers and the PCC

Conditions and eligibility

Domestic Abuse Funding	Sexual Violence Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation must provide tailored support to female and/or male victims who have experienced DA at any point in their life. • Include both adults and children. • Can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals. • DA support services could include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IDVAs; – CHIDVAs; – Family court support; – Face to face or remote counselling for individuals and / or their families; or – Support for particular groups such as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic/ Disabled/ LGBT/male victims. • Open to all DA support services in West Yorkshire, whether or not they currently funded by the PCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation must provide tailored support to female and/or male victims who have experienced rape or sexual abuse at any point in their life. • Includes both adults and children. • Can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals. • SV support services could include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ISVAs; – CHISVAs; – Court support; – Face to face or remote counselling for individuals and / or their families; or – Support for particular groups such as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic/ Disabled/ LGBT/ male victims. • Open process to sexual violence support centres beyond those that the PCC already funds and can demonstrate consideration of provision for men and boys.
<p style="text-align: center;">This funding cannot be used to provide accommodation or the support services within it.</p> <p>Funding for support for victims of DA in safe accommodation is subject to a separate funding process run by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p>	