



**Covid-19 Extraordinary MOJ Funding For
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services
May 2020**

Introduction

On 2nd May 2020 the Government announced a package of £76m extra funding to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, vulnerable children and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry of Justice element of this funding will be distributed through Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) across England and Wales.

The total funding allocated for Cambridgeshire is **£288k**. This is ringfenced for COVID-19 related emergency funding, and then ringfenced again for spend on each of the three areas of need listed below:

Area of need	Total amount available within area of need
Domestic abuse services – already commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner	£144k
Sexual Violence Support Services – including those already commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner and those who are not currently in receipt of funding from the Commissioner	£72k
Domestic abuse services – not currently commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner	£72k
Total Cambridgeshire allocation	£288k

The COVID-19 extraordinary funding is from 24 March (first day of lockdown) to 31 October 2020 to meet the additional costs incurred or will incur whilst adapting their services during the pandemic, and to cope with demand increases resulting from it, during this time period. Funds must be spent within this time period and no carry forward or extensions are permitted by Government. Any spends that organisations commit to beyond the 31 October 2020 must be met through their own funds.

For example, funding may be used to:

- Short-term contracts for additional staff up to 31 October 2020 (or earlier).
- Additional expenditure on existing staff (for example overtime or increased hours), lasting up to 31 October 2020 (or earlier)
- Purchase of new equipment, for example laptops and mobile phones, to allow staff to work from home

- Online platforms through which to deliver support or counselling
- Essential spend on existing staff and equipment which can no longer be met during the lockdown because of reduced access to usual sources of funding.

Organisations must:

- not use this funding for the development of new projects or services not related to the COVID-19 response, for example designing technology platforms which will not be ready to deliver services for the majority of the funding period
- not apply if their needs can be met through other COVID-19 support measures, such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the three-month VAT deferral
- ensure that COVID-19 related costs cannot be met from any existing funding stream, fundraising, private donations and existing grants

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for this funding organisations must:

- be a registered charity, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise including companies limited by guarantee and community interest companies
- provide **support services** which have the purpose of helping victims of crime cope with the impacts of crime, and as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced

Bids in Cambridgeshire will only be accepted from organisations whose **primary aim** is to support victims of domestic abuse or sexual violence and who are **already providing services** in the county. The eligible service provisions are detailed below:

Funding	Criteria
Domestic Abuse Funding	<p>This funding is open to all domestic abuse support services in Cambridgeshire whether or not they are currently funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>The primary purpose of the organisation’s service must be to provide support to female and/or male victims who have experienced domestic abuse at any point in their life. This includes stalking carried out by a former intimate partner or by a family member; and honour-based abuse (forced marriage and FGM).</p> <p>Funding can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals.</p> <p>This support could include, but is not limited to support provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDVAs (including specialist posts) • Outreach workers • Childrens’ support workers based within a specialist domestic abuse service • Specialist victim and witness care co-ordinators • Counsellors delivering face to face or remote therapeutic interventions for individuals and / or their families • Specialist domestic abuse support workers for particular groups with protected characteristics such as BAME <p>This funding must not be used to provide victims with accommodation.</p>

Sexual Violence Funding	<p>This funding is open to all sexual violence support services in Cambridgeshire whether or not they are currently funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>The primary purpose of the organisation's service must be to provide support to female and/or male victims who have experienced rape or sexual abuse at any point in their life. This includes child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation.</p> <p>Funding can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals.</p> <p>This support could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISVAs; • CHISVAs; • face to face or remote counselling for individuals and / or their families • specialist sexual violence support workers (for CSE for example) • support for particular groups with protected characteristics such as BAME
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Application process

To apply for the fund please complete the Covid-19 Funding Bid Form available on the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/victims/covid-19-extraordinary-da-sv-funding/>

and send it to Head of Strategic Partnerships and Commissioning Nicky Phillipson via email:

nicky.phillipson@cambs.pnn.police.uk

By 4pm on Friday June 5, 2020

Any bids received after this deadline cannot and will not be considered.

Assessment criteria

All bids will be considered according to the below criteria:

- that they meet the Government funding criteria set out throughout this guidance specifically:
 - organisational status
 - nature of primary service provision (must be DA/SV support only)
 - currently delivering services in the county
- clearly evidence the need for additional financial support because of an increase in demand or because of COVID-19 has forced a change in working practices which incurred costs
- can demonstrate funding costs have been incurred between March 24 and May 21 or that funds can safely be spent within the specified time period (before October 31 ,2020)
- whether the organisation has been able to access any other sources of funding
- the risk to the continuation of service through Covid-induced cost pressures

For services not currently commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner bidders will be asked for:

- evidence they can deliver services in partnership with existing commissioned providers as part of the 'integrated model of support services in Cambridgeshire'
- evidence that they are not duplicating services already available
- clearly demonstrate that they have robust operating practices, governance and management arrangements in place to support vulnerable victims of crime (this could be supported by evidencing existing commissioning relationships with other statutory agencies and enables the Police and Crime Commissioner to fulfil the requirement for conducting 'due diligence')

These checks will be made before any funding is issued to non-commissioned organisations.

All bids in Cambridgeshire will be assessed by two experienced commissioners (from the OPCC and local authority) and an independent consultant.

What happens if the totality of bids exceeds the amount available?

In Cambridgeshire if the bids for funds exceed the total funding available the funding will be allocated in line with the 'victim support elements' of the agreed core and enhanced offers set out in the county's **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategies**. This will prioritise continuation of the core offer of support. Some elements of the core offer are excluded from the funding criteria. This will not exclude bids which fit within the 'enhanced offer' section of the strategy in particular organisations who have been unable to access any funding from other sources. **(See Appendix 1)**

A list of all bids made to the Police and Crime Commissioner will be available on the Cambs PCC website with a full and transparent rationale of whether funding was awarded.

It is possible that organisations will be offered a reduced sum of funding. In this event the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will contact organisations and ask them to prioritise their bid areas.

Conditions of local funding awards

All organisations will be formally notified by email whether their bid has been successful **by June 17, 2020**.

Organisations with successful bids for funding which are already funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner will receive stand-alone grant agreements covering this specific award.

Organisations who are not commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner will be required to sign a grant agreement and adhere to the terms and conditions set within in.

Grant agreements will be sent out from June 18 onwards. Funding will be released on receipt of a signed grant agreement. These dates are dependent on the Police and Crime Commissioner receiving confirmation that the proposals to fund locally are approved, in a timely way from the Ministry of Justice.

All grant agreements will stipulate the requirement to complete monitoring returns at the end of the funding period. This will include accounting for the spends awarded. It is likely this will be required in mid-November. A form for this has not yet been provided by the Ministry of Justice.

Rape Support Fund Extraordinary funding (devolved)

In addition to the Extraordinary funding for Sexual Violence Support Service either commissioned or not commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Cambridgeshire PCC will apply to MoJ for Rape Support Fund Extraordinary funding. This is because in Cambridgeshire the MoJ's Rape Support Fund is devolved to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Only the organisations currently funded by the Rape Support Fund are eligible to be included. The OPCC will contact these organisations separately.

Appendix 1

Cambridgeshire's Core and Enhanced offers

Domestic Abuse

Strategic Aim	Core Offer	Enhanced Offer – Currently funded	Enhanced Offer – with additional resource
Through a joint commissioning approach we will ensure all victims have access to appropriate and proportionate outcome-focused support.	<p>IDVA Service working with high-risk victims of domestic abuse</p> <p>MARAC meetings to discuss high-risk victims of domestic abuse</p> <p>Refuge provision across the county</p> <p>Victim and Witness Hub support to all victims of crime</p> <p>NPS Victim Liaison Officers</p>	<p>Outreach support for all victims through Cambridge Women's Aid and Refuge</p> <p>Embrace counselling for children experiencing domestic abuse</p> <p>Stalking and Harassment IDVA</p> <p>A8 IDVA (Cambs only)</p> <p>Police pilot of DA Alliance offering support for civil orders</p>	Move on accommodation for those needing to move on from refuge but still needing some support

Sexual Violence

Strategic Aim	Core Offer	Core Offer – funding at risk (Enhanced)	Enhanced offer
Ensuring all victims and survivors have access to appropriate and proportionate outcome-focused jointly commissioned support.	<p>ISVA Service working with victims of sexual violence</p> <p>ISVA located at the SARC</p> <p>SARAC meetings to discuss high-risk victims of sexual violence</p>	<p>Counselling for adult survivors of historic sexual abuse</p> <p>Support groups for mothers of children who have been sexually abused or exploited.</p> <p>Support groups for girls and young women aged 13 – 16 years who have been subjected to sexual abuse and sexual violence.</p>	Counselling for young victims of sexual abuse

	<p>Victim and Witness Hub support to all victims of crime</p> <p>NPS Victim Liaison Officers</p>	<p>The CRCC Evidence Based Co Development (EBCD) Project for service user engagement.</p>	
<p>Promoting the safety and protection of victims and survivors</p>	<p>DASV professionals champions sessions</p> <p>The Elms SARC offer self-referral, forensics, ISVA, counselling for victims</p> <p>Services provided by Cambridge & Peterborough Rape Crisis</p>	<p>Children and young people’s counselling service – VAWG funded service for children and young people aged 13 – 19 (up to 24yrs with additional needs)</p> <p>Counselling services – for children and young people aged 5 – 19yrs, also able to offer mothers and/or caregivers up to 6 sessions of counselling support.</p> <p>Enhanced ChISVA provision funded through the CADA project.</p>	<p>Adult counselling service for survivors of historic abuse or those who have chosen not to use SARC services or have used SARC service over 12 months ago</p> <p>The Elms SARC gap in services for counselling for all ages</p> <p>Supported housing to help women exit the sex working industry</p>