

**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 |
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| 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 |

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 were 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.

Services funded in Cambridgeshire

Cambridge & Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership - £41,269.52

The service is continuing to develop the virtual support model and future proofing to deal with increased demand. The bid included funding for secure online counselling rooms, online meeting space, appropriate support and governance (HR, IT), contribution to staff overheads and additional equipment. The service is also building capacity through additional volunteer recruitment and training through online mechanisms.

The Meadows Children and Family Wing – £13,825.94

Increased staff hours to meet increased demand; technology to develop virtual support model. The service has an evidenced demand and families waiting to access support.

Choices - £27,228.41

Increase in staff hours to support and manage increase in demand and need for counselling provision. The charity will offer symptom management sessions and are developing a virtual 'self-help' resources (webinar). The bid includes resources to enable the service to evolve into a new way of working.

One Voice 4 Travellers - £20,122

This bid builds on the initial work to enable the ongoing running of the services through a remote working model in response to an increase in demand for support. This provides a service to a traditionally hard to reach group of survivors.

NSPCC - £1,542.12

This bid funds individual issue resources for young people accessing locally commissioned services to enable practitioners to hold effective virtual therapy sessions.

Refuge - £27,213.24

This bid funds increased staff hours to enhance the support provided to clients. It also provides flexible funding to provide families moving into safe housing with domestic equipment which would be usually be funded from donations.

Peterborough Women's Aid - £29,796.95

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Family Action - £23,056.80

This bid funds increased staff hours and resources for locally commissioned service to respond to increase in demand for support for children affected by domestic abuse. It also provides additional resource to support for families affected by child to parent violence through the virtual delivery of family-support interventions.

The Hampton Trust (Hampshire and The Isle of Wight) - £12,672

This bid funds the development of a virtual support model for low-level relationship domestic abuse offenders to address heightened stress in households caused by lockdown. The service is already commissioned locally.

Embrace Child Victims of Crime - £37,400

This bid funds the development of a new way to deliver counselling to respond to increased demand which cannot be safely delivered through traditional methodology. In particular the charity, which is commissioned locally, is exploring walk and talk counselling and offering online service provision.

Cambridge Women's Aid - £35,039.20

This bid funds increased staff hours (and technology to enable access) to enhance the support provided to clients. It also provides flexible funding to provide families moving into safe housing with domestic equipment which would be usually be funded from donations and additional resources required by families.

Cambridgeshire Deaf Association - £9,941.71

This funds additional staff resources and technology to meet increased demand for services for a traditionally hard to reach group of survivors. It will enable staff to quickly respond to vulnerable victims through 1-1 video conferencing.