

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. In August, the Ministry of Justice extended the period to spend the funding until 31 March 2021 and a total of 11 organisations carried a total of £188,126 in to this extended period.

On 18 November 2020, Ministers announced a major funding boost for victims of rape and domestic abuse as services face dealing with greater demand this winter. The Ministry of Justice confirmed £10.1 million would go directly towards services supporting victims as well as all Police and Crime Commissioners who will distribute funds themselves to organisations in their areas.

West Yorkshire PCC was informed further COVID-19 extraordinary funding had been made available for the financial period from 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021.

The PCC received funding requests for anticipated need amid the pandemic from 13 organisations to the total £447,372. The Ministry of Justice allocated West Yorkshire the total of £274,271 for the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 inclusive. The funding was ring-fenced for COVID-19 related emergency funding.

The tables on page 2 and 3 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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Round 1: 24 March to 31 October 2020 (extension of spend granted to 31st March 2021)

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

Round 2: 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021

Organisation	Provision type	Emergency requirements funded	Amount
Anah Project	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of additional cleaners, cleaning and COVID-19 secure measures to protect the service users and staff.	£2,375
JAMES (Joint Activities and Motor Education Service)	Domestic Abuse support	Contribution towards the cost of additional staff hours, intensive work to support, mileage, phone, laptop, PPE, salary on-costs, Management time to support and service user respite.	£11, 350
Karma Nirvana	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of session's resource and support, PPE, video conferencing platform and helpline support.	£6,774
Kirklees and Calderdale Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (KCRASAC)	Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of increased ISVA support.	£7,663
Leeds Women's Aid	Domestic Abuse support	Contribution towards the cost of additional and extended On-line Live chat sessions, ICT accessibility, internet dongles for vulnerable families, mobile phone data for remote working staff.	£12,538
Leeds Women's Aid – Leeds Domestic Violence Service	Domestic Abuse support	Contribution towards the cost of additional helpline staffing to deal with the demand that the 24/7 helpline, staff hours for one to one support and groups, venue hire, creche in these venues and transport.	£32, 378
Restorative Solutions CIC	Domestic Abuse support	Contribution towards the cost Victim support, COVID-19 secure workshops, PPE, virtual sessions, additional training, additional management and case supervision.	£42,421
Shantona Women's and Family Centre	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of face-to-face services, remote support and training to victims. PPE for staff and service users, IT equipment, purchasing HR, including health and safety support.	£8,779
Staying Put	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of increased staffing to cover increased demand, safe capacity to maintain services, dealing with complex cases and mental health issues. Laptops and mobile phones, PPE, Helpline Worker for One Front Door helpline, Volunteer Coordinator and Dispersed Accommodation Worker.	£51,193
Support after Rape and Sexual Violence (SARSVL)	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of remote working, hire of online meeting rooms and additional Helpline Coordinator.	£5,390
Victim Support	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support	Contribution towards the cost of extra staff hours and Agency hours.	£49,532
WomenCentre Limited	Domestic Abuse support	Contribution towards the cost of Additional Staff including those working with medium risk victims, Court IDVA, additional IDVA, phone charges, clinical supervision and Sessional Counsellors.	£19,452
Women's Health Matters	Domestic Abuse support	Contribution towards the cost of additional front line worker, management hours, video conferencing support, mobile costs, well being packs to women, one-to-one support, access costs for one face to face groups, health & safety resources, sanitiser, cleaning. Updating database in response to the pandemic.	£24,426