

Frequently Asked Questions

Funding Sexual Violence (SV) and Domestic Abuse (DA) Support Services

1. Which organisations are eligible for this funding?

Organisations must provide tailored support services to help victims of DA and/or SV cope with the impacts of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced.

Unlike with the Covid-19 extraordinary funding, this funding can be allocated to other public bodies, as well as to third sector organisations and to fund directly commissioned posts, as long as this can be justified within the local needs assessment and funding criteria.

2. What can the funding be used for?

Funding can be used to provide support to domestic abuse and sexual violence victims and their families. Support services could include, but are not limited to:

- Court or family support;
- Face to face or remote counselling for individuals and/or their families; and
- Support for particular groups such as BAME/Disabled/LGBT/male victims.

Funding allocations must adhere to the grant conditions in grant agreements.

3. Can we use the funding to support victims of other types of crime?

No, this funding has been ringfenced to provide tailored provision for domestic abuse and sexual violence victims only.

4. Are 'honour based' (which includes forced marriage and FGM) abuse charities eligible for domestic abuse funding?

Honour based abuse falls within the government definition for domestic abuse. Any organisation that provides tailored support to victims of domestic abuse and their families is recognised as a domestic abuse support service.

5. Are stalking charities eligible for domestic abuse funding?

Stalking carried out by a former intimate partner or by a family member falls within the government definition for domestic abuse. Any organisation that provides tailored support to victims of domestic abuse and their families is recognised as a domestic abuse support service.

6. Will the PCC undertake due diligence checks for any submissions received?

The PCC must be confident and able to evidence when reporting to the MoJ all requirements are met as set out in our grant agreement for managing public money. The PCCs office will also carry out a fraud risk assessment for organisations we do not currently commission.