

# COVID-19 Extraordinary Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services



## Grant process and administration

July 2020

### Introduction

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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 is being administered by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

The West Yorkshire indicative amount distributed via Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was as follows:

Domestic abuse services that are already commissioned by PCCs	£393,000
Sexual violence services that are already commissioned by PCCs and those that are not currently funded by PCCs	£196,500
Domestic abuse services that are not currently commissioned by PCCs	£196,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£786,000</b>

The funding was ring-fenced for COVID-19 related emergency funding, and ring-fenced again for spend on each of the three areas of need. Funds allocated for the three different types of services could not be moved between pots.

The COVID-19 extraordinary funding is to meet the additional costs registered charities or social enterprises have incurred or will incur whilst adapting their services during the pandemic, and to cope with demand increases resulting from it, during first day of lockdown 24 March and 31 October 2020.

The COVID-19 Extraordinary Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services request was submitted to the MoJ 11th June for the **total amount of £495,650**. West Yorkshires total indicative amount of £786,000 was based on the MoJ victim grant funding formula using 2018 population data.

The requests from providers across West Yorkshire included 12 from PCC funded organisations and 4 not currently funded by the PCC;

- 8 for Domestic Abuse
- 4 for Sexual Violence
- 4 for both Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Of which 7 (44%) are 'exclusive providers' for BAME and other protected characteristics

## Our Process

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PCC published information for West Yorkshire including the process, set criteria, deadlines for requests (**Appendix A**) the request template and contact details.

The information was published on the PCC website and promoted through Social Media and shared through established partnership networks including;

- West Yorkshire Domestic and Sexual Abuse Board,
- All five district Community Safety Partnerships
- Third Sector Forum
- All currently PCC funded organisations.

Organisations requested funding for both costs incurred and estimated costs. Full due diligence checks and needs criteria analysis were undertaken. The total amount requested was £495,650. All requests were submitted to the Ministry of Justice and agreed. A full list of the grant recipients and the total amount of funding received by each organisation are published on the PCC website <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/commissioning/covid-19-extraordinary-moj-funding-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-support-services-24-march-2020-31-october-2020>

Each organisations has submitted and received a signed grant agreement and will be monitored against spend and outcomes.

The PCC met the criteria set out in the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding Allocation Guidance when carrying out our assessment of local need by ensuring that:

- Requests are only for the time period covering 24 March to 31 October 2020.
- Organisations are registered charities or social enterprise and are operate and provide services in West Yorkshire, England.
- Request are to meet the additional costs have incurred or will incur whilst adapting their services during the pandemic and is not for developing new projects or services not related to the COVID-19 response
- Organisations cannot meet COVID-19 related costs from any existing funding stream, fundraising, private donations and existing grants or other COVID19 support measures
- Any spend that organisations commit to beyond the 31 October 2020 must be met through their own funds
- We undertook and completed our assessment of need for COVID-19 related extraordinary funding in relation to both SV and DA support services in their local area.
- Undertaking an open and transparent, and assessment criteria that was published on our website and shared through existing providers, the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Board and Community Safety Partnerships. The published information contained direct contact information for both the Head of Commissioning and Contract Manager.
- We encouraged applications from small specialist organisations that support groups with protected characteristics;
- We will published the names of all organisations that requested funding, and those that were successful on completion of the process.

## Further National information

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Government announcement of £22 million emergency coronavirus funding for more than 540 sexual violence and domestic abuse charities <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/22-million-emergency-coronavirus-funding-for-more-than-540-sexual-violence-and-domestic-abuse-charities>

## **Recipient Feedback**

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The following feedback has been provided by some of the grant recipients;

“Our main challenge re: applying for the funding is one you have already highlighted which was outside your control - the short timeframe and the gap between making our first application and being requested to make the second application. This gap was helpful in some ways as we were able to hone our request for funding based on a few more weeks of experience, but we could have achieved more if the funding had been agreed earlier. We also spent more time than we might have needed to applying for other grant funding because we did not know whether our request for MoJ funding was likely to be successful. In terms of the OPCC’s administration of the funding we found your communications clear and timely; you responded to a question we asked quickly and efficiently and the agreement for the funding was kept as simple as possible whilst covering what it needed to cover. We feel that the administration has been fair and transparent and have no suggestions for improving this.”

### **WomenCentre**

“The staff at the PCC office were extremely helpful they identified errors we had made in submitting the form and highlighted this to us.( Not filling in the first page) giving us the chance to rectify the errors we made allowing us time to submit the application and it not being rejected for missing information. Once read in full the process was simple and clear and staff were on hand to clarify any information needed.”

### **KRASACC**

“Having the staff capacity to apply for the fund was difficult, added to the short time scale, it was touch and go in our ability to complete the application. However, the support from the West Yorkshire PCC, in their swift response to our questions and their encouragement and focus on supporting victims and our most vulnerable, provided the motivation for JAMES to complete the application process. Three separate members of JAMES staff spoke to the West Yorkshire PCC team and all were very helpful. Often we find that funding application processes are weighty and disproportionate to the resources available, however this process was straightforward and enabled us to communicate the realistic impact of Covid-19 on our organisation. These times are extremely challenging and yet I would encourage organisations to explore future opportunities from the West Yorkshire PCC and the support and clarification their team can offer.”

### **Joint Activities & Motor Education Service**

“My experience of your administration of the MoJ COVID-19 fund was – un-bureaucratic, responsive and clear in its communications. Feedback was helpfully and agile in adapting processes to facilitate rapid delivery of signatures for example.”

### **Survivors West Yorkshire**

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**24 March 2020 – 31 October 2020**

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). The West Yorkshire Indicative amount is set out in the table below and will be distributed via Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).

The funding will be ring-fenced for COVID-19 related emergency funding, and then ring-fenced again for spend on each of the three areas of need. Funds allocated for the three different types of services cannot be moved between pots.

The COVID-19 extraordinary funding is to meet the additional costs 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 as shown in the table below;**

***Note:** The MoJ have used the population based victim grant funding formula (using 2018 population data) to establish each PCCs maximum indicative funding amount for each ring-fenced pot.*

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## The process for funding requests

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

- if an organisation is currently funded by the PCC;
- if the organisation supports victims with protected characteristics (BAME, LGBT, disabled victims);
- if the organisation has lost income due to COVID-19 (e.g. a planned fundraising event not taking place);
- if the organisation's existing contracts have been honoured by funders;
- any additional income connected to COVID-19 that the organisation has received. (Income from local government, statutory services, donations and any ongoing donation activity);
- how the organisation's current reserve level compares to business as usual. (Is the organisation having to use their reserves to keep running);
- what additional costs the organisation has incurred due to the COVID-19 lockdown from 24 March 2020; and
- what anticipated additional costs due to COVID-19 lockdown the organisation expects to have until the end of October 2020.

### Attached to the email as part of the request pack:

- **COVID-19 Extraordinary Funding Requests to PCCs**  
This must be to fully completed for all requests and supporting documentations provided as required.
- **FIN 19 form for organisation NOT funded by the PCC ONLY**  
This has a pre-selected option for a 7 days payment terms – please do not change

**Please complete the documents and return by  
5pm Friday 5 June 2020**

*Requests received after this deadline will not be accepted.*

**Please return by email titled 'COVID019 funding request' to:**

**[Julia.Clough@westyorkshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:Julia.Clough@westyorkshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk)**

**and**

**[Jayne.Davison@westyorkshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.Davison@westyorkshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk)**

For all queries, please contact Julia Clough, Head of Commissioning  
Mob: 07716 701 705.

Please use the link to read the full MoJ guidance notes for the fund  
**<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-funding-for-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-support-services>**

## Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse services currently funded by the West Yorkshire OPCC

Organisation	Service	Area covered
Victim Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victim Support Service</li> <li>West Yorkshire ISVA Service</li> </ul>	West Yorkshire
Restorative Solutions	Restorative Justice	West Yorkshire
Bradford Rape Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for victims of sexual violence</li> <li>Online content and self-help services for victims of sexual crimes</li> </ul>	West Yorkshire
	JYOTI Project	Bradford
Embrace CVOC (Child Victims of Crime)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities for families who have recently experienced trauma</li> <li>Telephone and online support for child victims of crime</li> </ul>	West Yorkshire
Kirklees and Calderdale (KCRASACC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for victims of sexual violence</li> <li>Therapy and ISVA support for victims of DSA</li> </ul>	Kirklees and Calderdale
Tender Education and Arts	Arts based programme engaging young people in the prevention of DSA	Kirklees and Leeds
Staying Put	DV Services	Bradford
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IDVA</li> <li>Community Safety Partnership (CSPs)</li> </ul>	Bradford
The Creative Butterfly Project CIC	Therapeutic art based group work for women survivors of DA	Bradford
Bradford Street Angels	Support/ intervention should an altercation arise	Bradford
STAR Youth Project KLY	Youth centre delivering targeted workshops, including DA	Bradford
Bradford Moor Practice	Peer support and advocacy group for mainly south Asian women who are affected by DA	Bradford
Brathay Trust	Youth intervention programme, mainly works with at risk CSE children to raise awareness, signpost and refer	Bradford
Joint Activities & Motor Education Service	General support and prevention service, many on the programme are victims of crime including DA	Bradford
The Borough Council of Calderdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IDVA</li> <li>Community Safety Partnership (CSPs)</li> </ul>	Calderdale
Disability Support Calderdale	Support in reporting incidents, including DA	Calderdale
Himmat Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth development /outreach project covering various topics, including DA</li> <li>Advice service to those flouting lockdown, ability to refer where the reason for this is e.g. DA</li> </ul>	Calderdale
Project Colt	Counselling and day treatment service for drugs and alcohol addiction/ domestic issues/offending behaviour for perpetrators	Calderdale
Calderdale Smartmove	Support service for people with MH difficulties, including victims of abuse	Calderdale
Kirklees Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IDVA</li> <li>Community Safety Partnership (CSPs)</li> <li>Kirklees Parent Liaison Officer</li> <li>LGBT Conference covering MH/ Hate Crime &amp; DA</li> </ul>	Kirklees
Freedom Personal Safety CIC	Awareness programme delivered in schools, including coercion and control	Kirklees
Thornton Lodge Action Group	Support service for victims, helping people report	Kirklees
Samantha Sykes Foundation Trust in partnership with WomenCentre	Therapeutic support for victims of sexual exploitation/ grooming	Kirklees
Yorkshire Children's Centre	Helpline for victims of DA	Kirklees

Locala Community Partnerships CIC	Providing care packages/ staying in touch with those in vulnerable situations including DSA, provision of a pre-paid phone for emergencies	Kirklees
Leeds City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDVA</li> <li>• Community Safety Partnership (CSPs)</li> </ul>	Leeds
Leeds Rape Crisis Centre	Support for victims of sexual violence	Leeds
Reestablish	Youth weekly drop-in service	Leeds
St Vincent's Support Centre	Community hubs delivering support groups on various topics, including DA	Leeds
North Leeds District scouts, on behalf of 43rd scout group	Provides activities/opportunities for disadvantaged children, including safeguarding referrals	Leeds
Basis Yorkshire	Street based outreach programme	Leeds
Phoenix Health and Wellbeing	Counselling, acupuncture or massage therapy dealing with DA & MH	Leeds
Behind Closed Doors (BCD)	General support service for victims of DA, practical help	Leeds
Caring For Life	Housing support for mainly victims of crime including DA	Leeds
Women's Health Matters	Support for women and girls experiencing DA/MH	Leeds
Leeds Women's Aid	Support service for women and families suffering DSA or the effects of - online chat service due to COVID	Leeds
Support After Rape and Sexual Violence (SARSVL)	helpline for victims of sexual abuse	Leeds
Impact North Ltd	Therapeutic support for perpetrators and victims	Leeds
The Council of the City of Wakefield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDVA</li> <li>• Community Safety Partnership (CSPs)</li> <li>• Wakefield Parent Liaison Officer</li> </ul>	Wakefield
Rosalie Ryrie Foundation Ltd.	Targeted preventative and early interventions for offenders, group and 1-1 sessions	Wakefield