

Frequently Asked Questions
Funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA)
and Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors (IDVA)

1. How much money is the MoJ investing in this Fund?

Of the £16m investment over 2 years, £4m has already been committed in ISVA grants to PCCs. Through this new EOI process, £4m will be made available for ISVAs and £8m will be made available for IDVAs and other DA advocates. This investment is part of a holistic funding package across national remote, community-based domestic abuse and sexual violence services.

2. Does West Yorkshire already receive additional funding?

Yes, the PCC applied and was successful in receiving funding for 3 additional ISVA posts in West Yorkshire currently funded to 31st March 2022.

More information: <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/news-events/news/support-services-victims-sexual-abuse-and-violence-bolstered-with-appointment-three-specialist-workers>

3. How long is the duration of this fund?

The fund will be for a period of 2 years, until 31 March 2023.

4. Can any of the funds be carried over funds beyond March 2023?

No, the funds must be spent by 31 March 2023, in line with grant conditions.

5. Is this funding for third sector organisations only?

No, the MoJ will accept EOIs for funding ISVAs, IDVAs and other advocates in other public sector agencies such as; SARCS, primary and acute health settings and local authorities.

6. Is this funding exclusively for services for female victims?

No, this funding is for male victims as well, and the MoJ are expecting to see this demographic specifically addressed in EOIs.

7. Will you accept applications for tailored or specialist ISVAs and IDVAs, such as those supporting survivors with disabilities?

Yes, the MoJ is encouraging EOIs of this nature, and expect to see proposals for 'tailored or specialist ISVAs, IDVAs and other advocates, including innovative models.

8. Will the MoJ only consider EOIs for roles that support survivors through the Criminal Justice System?

No, the MoJ states 'we understand that not all IDVAs, ISVAs and other advocates have a role in supporting survivors through criminal justice proceedings, however ideally we would expect ISVA and IDVA services to provide end-to-end support for victims and survivors, including those involved in criminal justice proceedings. All EOIs must specify how the funding will meet local pressures and unmet demand, including those exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.'

9. 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.