



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

Request: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

Title: NHS England funding to support delivery of specialist sexual abuse and violence counselling.

Executive Summary:

Since 2025 NHS England have offered the Office of Police and Crime Commissioners' (OPCC) the opportunity to apply for non-recurrent funding to enable specialist sexual assault services to deliver specialist support that aligns with their Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategy.

Feedback from specialist sexual violence services in Cleveland shows a significant year-on-year increase in demand for specialist counselling. As a result, waiting lists have grown and victim-survivors are now facing longer delays before they can access specialist counselling support.

A business case was submitted to NHS England by the OPCC to support additional capacity for specialist sexual abuse and violence counselling to reduce waiting times for those awaiting this provision.

In January 2026, the OPCC was awarded £91,167.34 from NHS England to distribute to Arch Teesside for sexual abuse and violence counselling. £17,233 to be awarded during 2025/26 and £73,934.34 to be awarded during 2026/27

Increasing the capacity of sexual abuse and violence counselling across Cleveland directly supports the Police and Crime Plan 2024-29 priority to improve safety for women and girls and ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people.

Decision: To award Arch Teesside £91,167.34 to deliver specialist sexual abuse and violence counselling from 16 February 2026 to 31st March 2027

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachel Parker

Contractor Details (if applicable): Arch Teesside

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Specific Grant funding has been received for this expenditure which must be spent as outlined within the grant. The decisions request in this form aligns with both the grant and the funding available and therefore this is an affordable decision for the PCC.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

None arising - this is an all-age service, where support is accessible to all genders, ensuring that counselling provision is inclusive and available to anyone affected by sexual abuse or sexual violence.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising

Sustainability Implications:

Arch are aware that this funding is non-recurrent. Demand for sexual violence support and longer-term funding options will form part of the OPCC ongoing review of needs assessment and funding priorities.

Risk Management Implications:

None arising.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed

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Date 12.02.26

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed

Matt

Date 13.02.26