

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No: AHWB.012.2020_ Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)

BOX 1

DIRECTORATE: Adults, Health & Well-being

DATE: 1st June 2020

Contact Name: Bill Hotchkiss/Fay Wood **Tel. No.:** 01302 737831/737817

Subject Matter: Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)

BOX 2**DECISION TAKEN**

To approve the transfer of £165,960 under a section 76 funding arrangement between Doncaster Council and Doncaster CCG for the services of Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS).

The funding is made up as follows:

One-off grant of £68,440 to be funded from the Non Recurrent Better Care Fund Earmarked Reserve allocated to the Place Plan. (ODR AHWB.006.2020).

Grants of £27,520 and £45,000 as agreed in the Mayor's budget report dated 5 March 2020 for the period 2020/21.

£25,000 Better Care Fund approved as part of Complex Lives (ODR AHWB.017.2019)

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION.**

Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS) is an independent charity that has been helping victims of sexual violence since 1987. DRASACS is able to provide free support services for people who have experienced rape or sexual abuse; counselling and an Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy (ISVA) service which offers practical help and support.

These confidential services are available for the following cohorts:

- Children and young people aged 18 or under, who have been raped or sexually abused
- Adults who have experienced rape or sexual abuse, either recently or in their past
- Family members who have been affected by the issue

Doncaster has witnessed an increase in both rape and other sexual offences. The number of referrals into therapy continues to increase. The demand for DRASACS services is higher than ever, with waiting times for commencement of treatment/therapy currently at 269 days. There is management of patient risk evidence by the reasonable average wait for assessment (24.5 days in 2019), but an unacceptable average wait for therapy (222 days in 2019). This situation is not acceptable and requires addressing at the earliest.

Doncaster Council and Doncaster NHS CCG successfully secured additional funding to support DRASACS through a joint partnership approach with the grant to the charity being passported through a single route - a section76 agreement.

This approach reaffirms commissioners commitment to work together to address the subject of sexual abuse, and reflects a single understood decision making from joint commissioning. Equally important the service contributes to the overall vision set out in the Doncaster Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy: moving to a Doncaster free from sexual violence and abuse, and providing a better understanding of individuals and families' vulnerabilities or behaviours.

BOX 4

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option - maintain current grant funding level.

This is not an option. As evidenced there is already a real risk that the outcomes for vulnerable group are not realised, where support is not available in a timely fashion to meet the needs of the population, with a consequence that patient wellbeing deteriorates or manifests elsewhere with high intensity need. Also, without additional financial resource an unacceptable wait time for treatment for a vulnerable client group will remain.

BOX 5**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 give the Council power to do anything which an individual may do.

Section 76 of the National Health Act 2006 gives the Council power to make payments to the Clinical Commissioning Group of a revenue nature.

A Section 76 funding agreement should be entered into with Doncaster Clinical Care Commissioning.

Name: _Nicky Dobson_____ Signature: [REDACTED] Date: _18th June 2020__

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

BOX 6**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for DRASAC's 20/21 has already been approved and is made up of the following:

		Funding Secured Under Previous Approval Route
Funding Approved at Budget Setting	£27,520 £45,000	Approved at Full Council 05/03/20 as part of Budget paper under Grants to Voluntary Bodies
Better Care Fund (Earmarked Reserve)	£25,000	Approved at JCOG 14/02/19 as part of Complex Lives Phase 2 developments (ODR AHWB.017.2019)
Better Care Fund (Earmarked Reserve)	£68,440	One year only approved at JCOG 25/02/20 (ODR AHWB.006.2020)
Total Funding	£165,960	

This decision is with regard to the mechanism in which payments are made to DRASAC's. In addition to securing the extra funding (£68,440 above) the business case presented to JCOG members on 25/02/20 also requested that the Council and Doncaster CCG jointly commission the DRASAC's service, with the CCG being the lead commissioner.

Payment of £165,960 for 2020/21 will therefore be made to Doncaster CCG under a Section 76 agreement whereby funding will be provided to DRASAC's under a partnership arrangement. Before entering into any future arrangements beyond March 2021 the service will need to ensure funding is identified.

Name: Helen Rowlands Signature: by email_ Date: 09/06/20

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

BOX 7

OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.

BOX 8

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author).

The target cohorts for the services of the charity are; children and young people aged 18 or under, who have been raped or sexually abused; adults who have experienced rape or sexual abuse, either recently or in their past and family members who have been affected by the issue irrespective of race, gender, disability etc. For the cohorts referenced with or without a protected characteristic, the service should have a positive impact on them due to the focus on an individual's outcomes, choice, enablement and person-centred support available in such a service.

BOX 9

RISK IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author).

This initiative is about strengthening and developing the service to be able to better manage their wait-lists with an additional, fixed term capacity resource which will enable the charity to be in a better position to respond to increasing demand. Without the resource there will be a significant impact on the charity's ability to respond in a timely manner. This in turn has the real potential to impact negatively on an already vulnerable client group's wellbeing and we could see a deterioration and escalation for some individuals into statutory services such as mental health and presenting A&E.

BOX 10

CONSULTATION

Consultation has been undertaken with a number of key statutory partners inclusive of health, social care, police and probation services.

BOX 11
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the public's interests for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

Name: __Gillian Parker__ Signature by email_ Date: _18/06/2020_

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

BOX 12

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR NO

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13
AUTHORISATION**

Name: Phil Holmes Signature: _____ Date: 19/06/2020

Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing _____

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer

YES/NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of _____

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: Rachael Blake Signature: _____ Date: 19/06/2020

Designation Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest YES/NO

If YES please give details below:

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