

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

To be completed in cases where a decision is required

## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 30/11/2021

**Officers present:** The Police and Crime Commissioner, Kira Hughes, Simon Down, Lizzie Starr

**Received in OPCC Date:** 08/12/2021

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0020-21

**Title:** Sexual Assault Referral Centres 2 year contract extensions

### Summary of Issue:

The Forensic Science Regulator is requiring all Sexual Abuse Referral Centres (SARCs) to gain forensic accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. This coincides with the end date for the existing SARC contracts (paediatric and adults) serving the Leicestershire population. This creates significant procurement and service delivery risks which can be mitigated by providing an extension to the existing contracts of 2 years. This will allow both the current providers to gain accreditation and also for wider providers to do so within the market creating a healthy provider market from which to commission provision thereafter.

NHS England are the lead commissioner of SARCs and hold the contracts with the SARC providers. Our relationship with NHS England is governed by two Joint Working Agreements (JWA). These JWA commit the PCC to funding £20,000 pa for the paediatric SARC and £67,906 pa for the adults SARC.

### Recommendation(s) presented:

It is recommended to:

- 1. Support the extension of the paediatric and adults SARC contracts by NHS England to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**
- 2. Extend the JWA with NHS England to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at the existing annual rates of funding**

### Key discussion points

The above was discussed and approved

**OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner



**Signature:**

**Name: Kira Hughes**

**Date: 08/12/2021**

**Publication Scheme**

**Decision of Monitoring Officer:**

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : YES

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : YES

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : YES

**Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

**Signature:**



**Name: Elizabeth Starr**

**Date: 10 December 2021**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**Supported**

**Signature**



**Date:13/12/21**