



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 20/2024	DATE: 2nd September 2024
TITLE: Drive Programme – Extension to contract	
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Sponsor: Steve Freeman, Chief Finance Officer	
Executive Summary This report asks the Police and Crime Commissioner to activate the one-year extension to the contract (to 31/3/2026) for the provision of Drive Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Behaviour Change Programme (Drive) to the organisation named in the report.	
Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to activate the one-year extension (to 31/3/2026) to the contract for the provision of the Drive Programme, to the organisation named in the report.	

PART II

1. Background

- 1.1. Following a successful bid to the Home Office, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner implemented the Drive Programme in the West Division of Lancashire (covering Blackpool, Lancaster, Fylde, and Wyre) on April 1, 2023.
- 1.2. The Drive Programme is a new response to domestic abuse that aims to reduce the number of victims by disrupting and changing perpetrators behaviour. It implements a whole-system approach through intensive case management intervention and a co-ordinated multi-agency response to drive high-risk, high-harm perpetrators to change their behaviour.
- 1.3. The contract was awarded to Victim Support at a total cost of £665,905, for the period 1st August 2023 to 31st March 2025 (with the option to extend to 31st March 2026).
- 1.4. Grant was successfully obtained from the Home Office to fund the programme to March 2025 with a requirement to identify alternative funding to deliver the final year of the programme if the contract award extension is activated.
- 1.5. As the original contract moves towards its end date in March 2025 Victim Support have identified that staff are seeking alternative employment causing issues in maintaining the service due to staff turnover.
- 1.6. Victim Support believe that confirmation of the third year of funding for the programme would significantly mitigate this issue.
- 1.7. The OPCC agree that this would certainly mitigate the issue but would also advise that there will be significant benefits to activating year three of the contract.
 - 1.7.1. The behaviour change intervention run through Drive takes, on average, 12 months to complete. Therefore Drive central team recommend three-year pilots to enable to efficacy of the programme in a local area to be adequately demonstrated.
 - 1.7.2. Failure to secure early agreement of year 3 funding jeopardises the long-term success of the project, as it will be difficult to re-establish and secure partnership buy-in if it is decommissioned.
- 1.8. The cost to deliver the contract in 2025/26 would be £298,403.22.
 - 1.8.1. This is broken down as follows:

Victim Support - DRIVE	
Aug 23 - Mar 25	£
Setup Costs (Recruitment, DBS, Vetting, Laptops, Headsets)	0

Employed staff payroll costs	171,790
Indirect staff costs (Travel, Mobile, Training, Clinical Support & Supervision) Training includes CRAFT They Matter and Facilitator Training + OCN Drive Training	22,185
Office Costs (Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage, Skype for Business, Systems/Service Access)	4,550
DRIVE CMS Licences	3,715
Venue Hire – Client Meeting costs	7,000
RESPECT Accreditation	0
Commissioned Services (Interpreter/Accessibility)	2,500
Central Support Costs	32,663.22
DRIVE VLO - Lancs	27,000
DRIVE VLO - Blackpool	27,000
Total	298,403.22

1.9. The OPCC is actively negotiating with partners to generate contributions to support the PCC in meeting this cost but at this stage no firm commitments have been made.

1.10. In addition to partner contributions the OPCC is also examining opportunities through further government grant funding to contribute to this cost.

1.11. If no contributions or additional grant funding were secured the PCC would therefore be liable for the full cost of the programme in 2025/26.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

2.1. The provision of the Drive Programme meets priority three in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan – "Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence".

3. Consultation

3.1. None

4. Implications:

4.1. Legal

4.1.1. This contract extension award comes to be awarded by the PCC in accordance with Joint Corporate Code of Governance

4.2. Financial

4.2.1. The cost of the contract in 2025/26 is £298,403.22. The OPCC will actively seek partner contributions and further grant funding towards this cost.

4.2.2. Any funding required from the PCC would be contained within revenue resources in 2025/26.

4.3. Equality Impact Assessment

4.3.1. n/a

4.4. Data Protection Impact Assessment

4.4.1. n/a

5. Risk Management

5.1. The tendering process has been conducted in accordance with The Public Contract Regulations 2015. The tender process is in accordance with the PCC/Constabulary Contract Standing Orders.

6. Background Papers

7. Public access to information

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Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – as above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – as above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – none	
CONSULTATION – As above	

Author and Date

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2/9/24

Sponsor and Date

Steve Freeman

2/9/24

Chief Finance Officer to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

I have read the above report and have considered the financial implications. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

Signature Steve Freeman

Date 2/9/24

Chief Executive to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)

I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities 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 for Lancashire.

Signature Steve Freeman

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