

Police and Crime Commissioner Record of Decision



Decision Detail	SW SARCs Award
Business Area	OPCC
Decision No:	016_2022
Date	04/04/22

Executive Summary

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) are joint commissioners for SARC services with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCCs) and Police, have undertaken a procurement to re-commission SARCs, including SOEs, across the South West.

The aim of a SARC is to provide a service to ensure that victims of serious sexual assault, including rape, receive appropriate urgent medical care and access to counselling, and if they choose forensic examination to provide evidence to assist police in a criminal investigation.

Benefits anticipated of contract award are:

- Integrated SARC services and Sexual Offence Examiners (SOE)
- Consolidation of Gloucestershire and Swindon & Wiltshire provision
- Sustainable service provision able to meet increased demand
- Alignment with best practice guidance from RCPCH
- Regional approach to achieving FSR / UKAS accreditation

Decision:

The Commissioner is asked to authorise contract award to First Light for forensic medical examination for SARCs for £266,000 per annum for 7 years, total value of £1,863,000. This service contract award will operate across Wiltshire and Gloucestershire as part of a wider South West coordinated procurement.


Lead officer

Naji Darwish

Implications

Please read appendix A in regards to this supporting information

Has considerations been taken following:	Yes	No
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equality and Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments		

Police and Crime commissioner comments	
I have read the documents and I confirm the decision to proceed as recommended.	
Signed: 	Date: 01/09/2022

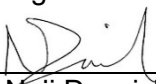
Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)
Comments: The Chief Finance Officer (OPCC) has been consulted on this proposal and sufficient funding is available to cover the commitments made within this decision.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)
Comments: Competitive tendering process completed successfully and contracts in place to deliver new service. Legal requirements for services included within specifications.

Equality and Diversity Implications
Comments: The providers submitted an EHIA as part of their final Stage 2 submissions. The service specification requires the service providers to repeat this exercise during the first six months of operation of the contact and then at two-year intervals.

Environmental Sustainability Implications
Comments: Nothing significant

Risk Management
Comments: The procurements risks include, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Providers will be expected to mobilise to meet delivery plans. To mitigate this risk the mobilisation plan has allowed for potential issues and recruitment. 2) The unsuccessful applicants have been notified and did not seek to challenge the outcome of the procurements

Monitoring Officer Approval	
I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been considered. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner	
Signed: 	Dated: 01/09/2022
Naji Darwish	

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Is there a Part 2 form? No

If yes, for what reason: