



# Guidance for Services: MoJ Community DA/SV Fund and National IDVA/ISVA Fund

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### **Overview & Changes to the DA/SV Funding Landscape**

In past years the MoJ have awarded the Northumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (NOPCC) a set amount of core funding for victim services per year, which we have then allocated to services via an annual application process to our ‘Supporting Victims Fund’. Additional funding has also been provided exclusively for IDVAs/ISVAs.

This year, the MoJ have confirmed that funding for DA/SV services will be available from 2 additional funds, as well as the existing core victim’s fund and IDVA/ISVA Fund (see table below for more information about each fund).

The MoJ have also announced that they will this year be introducing multi-year funding settlements for victim services. This means that the NOPCC will be receiving a 3-year settlement from the below funds for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25. This corresponds with the current Government Spending Review (SR) Period. [Note: We have no information about funding arrangements past 2025 at present].

**Table 1: Funds available to DA/SV Services 2022/23 – 2024/25**

Fund	Total available for <u>all 43 PCC areas per year (until 2024/25)</u>	Notes	How can services access this fund?
Core victims funding	£69 million	This funding is provided to the NOPCC who allocate to local services. This is usually dispersed annually by the NOPCC via the Supporting Victims Fund.	NOPCC will be in touch with further information about this funding in due course.
Existing IDVA/ISVA Fund 2021-2025		The MoJ awarded money to IDVA/ISVAs in 2021/2 for 2 years. This funding has now been extended until 2024/25. <i>(See Appendix A for details of posts funded through this existing fund in Northumbria).</i>	NOPCC have already informed services who have had IDVA/ISVA funding extended as part of this fund. No new applications will be accepted. However, there is a new IDVA/ISVA Fund now open – see below.
<b>(New) Community DA &amp; SV Fund</b>	<b>£15.7m</b>	<b>We are able to bid for a share of this £15.7 million to fund additional DA &amp; SV support services for the next 3 years (to 2024/25).</b>	<b>Services must apply to the NOPCC who will then apply to the MoJ (see below).</b>
<b>(New) National ISVA and IDVA Fund 2022-2025</b>	<b>£3.75m</b>	<b>The Government wish to fund an additional 100 IDVA &amp; ISVA posts across England and Wales this year. £3.75 million is available to fund these posts from 2022/23 – 2024/25.</b>	<b>Services must apply to the NOPCC who will then apply to the MoJ (see below).</b>

These new funds are aimed at strengthening provision for victims of DA/SV, not replacing existing provision. We will be conducting a Northumbria-wide needs assessment to consider current provision, need, demand and gaps in existing provision.

At present, we do not know how much funding is available to each PCC area from each of the two new funds. This will be determined by an MoJ bidding process. Details of how to bid are below.

NB: Due to the delay in the MoJ confirming the above arrangements in time for the start of the new financial year, the NOPCC took action earlier this year to recommission existing services for 6 months (to September 2022) on the same/similar terms as the previous financial year, to ensure that vital support services were not lost. **These arrangements remain in place. The funding that we have guaranteed to some services until September 2022 remains guaranteed.**

Please note however that continued funding past September 2022 cannot be guaranteed at this time as bids have to be assessed by the MoJ and not the NOPCC.  
We also cannot guarantee that your organisation will receive any additional funding either before or after September 2022.

## How to apply to the Community DA & SV Fund

To assess how much funding to award each PCC area, the MoJ have requested that OPCCs undertake a holistic needs assessment of DA/SV services across Northumbria, which must be submitted to the MoJ by 6 May 2022. If you wish to apply for funding for your DA/SV service(s) on an ongoing basis, please complete the attached application spreadsheet, answering all questions fully.

### Notes on the application form:

- On tab 2, please give a brief overview of all of the domestic abuse and sexual violence services your organisation currently offers.
- On tab 3, please give information on what DA/SV services you would like the PCC to fund/continue funding. These can be for adults or children. Please consider what the current gaps in provision are, how demand compares to your current capacity and how funding will plug these gaps.
  - If you have been awarded funding from the Supporting Victims Fund until September 2022, please fill in this tab as if you were applying for funding from the beginning of the current financial year. (However, as set out above, please be reassured that your 6-month funding settlement (until September 2022) remains guaranteed).
- When considering what to apply for, please ensure that your application complies fully with the below funding conditions.

### Please note:

- It is not guaranteed that you will receive the funding that you request.
- If successful, you will be offered a set amount per year until 2024/25. Funding cannot be rolled over between years.
- **All applications must be sent to [maxime.rowson@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:maxime.rowson@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk) by 12pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.** We appreciate that this is another incredibly tight timeframe from the MoJ but unfortunately we are not able to change it.

Next steps: Your application will be submitted to the MoJ as part of a broader needs assessment for the Northumbria area. The MoJ will then award us a certain amount of money to utilise for DA and SV support services for the next 3 years. NOPCC will assess the amount of money allocated to Northumbria from both the core victims fund and this DA/SV Fund, and confirm your service(s) funding allocation for the next 3 years, until March 2025.

### MoJ Timetable:

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April, 12pm	Deadline for Northumbria DA & SV services to submit their application spreadsheets to NOPCC.
Friday 6 May	Deadline for NOPCC to return their joint needs assessment to the MoJ
By Friday 20 May	Funding offers communicated from the MoJ to PCCs
From Wednesday 1st June	NOPCC to finalise funding settlements.

### **Community DA/SV Fund Funding Conditions**

- Organisations do not need to be a registered charity, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise to be eligible for this funding. They must, however, provide support services which have the purpose of helping victims of SV or DA cope with the impacts of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced.
- Local authorities or other public bodies can receive funding.
- Organisations must be based in England and Wales.
- The organisation must provide tailored support to female and/or male victims who have experienced domestic abuse, rape or sexual abuse at any point in their life. Includes adults and children.
- The funding can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals.
- DA and SV support services could include, but are not limited to:
  - Face to face or remote counselling for individuals and / or their families
  - Group work
  - Family court support
  - Court support
  - Support for particular groups such as BME/ Disabled/ LGBT/male victims.
- Funding must not be used to provide accommodation or the support services within it.
- Funding cannot be used for:
  - campaigning activities (this fund is to support the delivery of direct services for vulnerable people)
  - religious activities outside of projects benefiting the wider community and not containing religious content
  - political or lobbying activities
  - loan repayments; or
  - activities that make profit for private gain.
- Funding must not be used for capital works e.g. building repairs but can be used for other capital costs such as ICT equipment to enhance your communications and help reach local people.
- Funding allocated for 2022/23 cannot be used to pay for goods or services that have been bought or ordered before 1 April 2022 or after 31 March 2023.
- Funding cannot be used to pay for any outstanding debts prior to 1 April 2022.
- ‘Honour based’ (which includes forced marriage and FGM) abuse charities are eligible for funding. Honour based abuse falls within the government definition for domestic abuse. Any organisation that provides tailored support to victims of domestic abuse and their families is recognised as a domestic abuse support service.
- Some stalking support services are eligible for this funding. Stalking carried out by a former intimate partner or by a family member falls within the government definition for domestic abuse. Any organisation that provides tailored support to victims of domestic abuse and their families is recognised as a domestic abuse support service.

## How to apply to the National IDVA/ISVA Fund

As set out above (and at Appendix A), the MoJ have already funded an additional 700 IDVA/ISVA posts and have committed to continuing this funding until 2024/25. The Government wish to recruit an additional 300 IDVA/ISVAs by 2024/25. In consideration of issues around the existing workforce, 100 posts will be recruited this year (2022/3) and the other 200 will be recruited at a later date.

If you wish to apply for funding for one or more of these 100 new posts, please complete the attached application spreadsheet.

### Points to note:

- The MoJ will not be funding a minimum level of advocates in each area. They will be evaluating the bids to assess local need and funding accordingly. Therefore, please ensure you answer all questions fully, demonstrating need/demand for additional IDVA/ISVA posts.
- The MoJ are expecting at least one application per PCC area for a Children and Young Person's IDVA or ISVA.
- We are particularly interested in applications for IDVAs/ISVAs to be housed in specialist 'by and for' organisations.
- When considering what to apply for, please ensure that your application complies fully with the below funding conditions.
- Please consider how demand compares to your current capacity, as well as what the current gaps in provision are and how funding will plug these gaps.
- Please consider the gaps in existing provision and how your application can fill these gaps.
- **All applications must be sent to [maxime.rowson@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:maxime.rowson@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk) by 12pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.** We appreciate that this is another incredibly tight timeframe from the MoJ but unfortunately we are not able to change it.

### Notes on the application form:

- On tab 2, please provide detail on the existing advocates (ISVAs/IDVAs) within your organisation, if applicable.
- On tab 3, please detail what additional advocates you would like to bid for.
- When considering what to apply for, please ensure that your application complies fully with the below funding conditions.

Next steps: Your application will be submitted to the MoJ as part of a broader needs assessment for the Northumbria area. The MoJ will review this needs assessment and confirm with us which, if any, of the IDVA/ISVA posts applied for have been successful for funding. Funding will be guaranteed until 2024/25.

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### **National IDVA/ISVA Fund Funding Conditions**

- Organisations do not need to be a registered charity, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise to be eligible for this funding. They must, however, provide support services which have the purpose of helping victims of SV or DA cope with the impacts of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced.
- Local authorities or other public bodies can receive funding.
- Organisations must be based in England and Wales.
- The bids should ensure that funding is directed in full to the employment of additional advocates/advisors, including training and on-costs. Translation costs will also be considered.
- We expect to see bids for services that:
  - offer tailored support for under-represented survivors and those with protected characteristics;
  - propose innovative advocacy models as well as for established roles such as IDVAs and ISVAs, for both adults and children;
  - adopt hybrid models supporting both DA and SV victims, as well as violence against women and girls (VAWG) advocates and advisers, provided they will be supporting victims of SV and/or DA.
- Specific roles eligible for this fund include:
  - ISVAs and ISVA Managers (provided these managers have an active caseload of victims)
  - IDVAs and IDVA Managers (provided these managers have an active caseload of victims)
  - Child ISVAs and IDVAs
  - ISVAs and IDVAs who provide support to victims with protected characteristics
- We expect all advocates/advisors to be working towards the following outcomes:
  - a) Survivors have access to support that is individually tailored to their level of risk and support needs
  - b) Survivors who want support to navigate the criminal justice system, and have been impacted by disruption in the criminal justice system, have an advocate to support them throughout all stages of their journey
  - c) Survivors have someone to advocate on their behalf, to ensure their views and needs are heard and upheld, such as within the criminal justice process, the MARAC process, or in engagement with a range of other statutory and voluntary agencies.
- IDVA/ISVA funding will not be solely for roles that support survivors through the Criminal Justice System. We understand that not all IDVAs, ISVAs and other advocates have a role in supporting survivors through criminal justice proceedings, however ideally we would expect ISVA and IDVA services to provide end-to-end support for victims and survivors, including those involved in criminal justice proceedings. All bids must specify how the funding will meet local pressures and unmet demand.
- We will accept bids for funding ISVAs, IDVAs and other advocates in other public sector agencies such as; SARCS, primary and acute health settings and local authorities, as well as from third sector organisations.

## FAQs

### **Can my organisation apply to both the Community DA/SV Fund and the IDVA/ISVA Fund?**

Yes you can, although please ensure you complete both the relevant application spreadsheets.

### **I applied for funding from the previous MoJ ISVA/IDVA Fund in 2020/21 – can I apply again?**

Yes. However please note that if you were previously successful in obtaining this funding, your bid may not be prioritised unless you can demonstrate exceptional need/demand for additional IDVA/ISVA posts.

### **Can I apply to the Community DA/SV Fund for things that have previously been funded through the Supporting Victims Fund?**

Yes, we expect that you will be applying for the same things.

As set out above, if you have been awarded funding from the Supporting Victims Fund until September 2022, please fill in this tab as if you were applying for funding from the beginning of the current financial year. (However, as set out above, please be reassured that your 6 month funding settlement (until September 2022) remains guaranteed).

We are asking you to tell us about your current service offer and any gaps so that we can undertake a full needs assessment. It is possible that we will allocate you funding from both the core victims fund and the new DA/SV Community fund to ensure that your service is adequately funded. Therefore, please be honest about the costs your service requires to run per financial year.

### **Can I apply to the Community DA/SV Fund for things that have previously been funded through the DA/SV Uplift Fund (2021/22)?**

Yes, as long as you have not since secured funding for these things from funders other than the OPCC.

### **It is really important that my organisation has an IDVA/ISVA funded. Which of the new funds should I apply for to?**

Both! Please apply to the IDVA/ISVA fund for funding for IDVA/ISVAs. However, if you require this post even if unsuccessful to the IDVA/ISVA Fund, please also include this request on your application to the Community DA/SV Fund, making a note of the duplicated request. If your request for IDVA/ISVA funding is one of several funding requests on your Community DA/SV Fund application, please tell us which funding is a priority for you (IDVA/ISVA, counselling etc).

If the MoJ chooses not to fund the IDVA/ISVA post from the National IDVA/ISVA Fund, we will look to fund the post from the DA/SV Community Fund instead.

If your bid to the National IDVA/ISVA Fund is successful, we will remove this funding request from your Community DA/SV Fund application.

### **Can my organisation apply for either of the new funds even if we are not currently commissioned by NOPCC?**

Yes, these funds are open to all DA and SV services supporting victims in Northumbria. However, you must demonstrate need/demand for funding. Please also consider whether the service you are requesting funding for already exists in Northumbria and how the service will link in with the existing support pathways.

***For any other questions please contact Maxime Rowson, Policy, Research & Commissioning Officer (VAWG & Modern Slavery Lead) – [maxime.rowson@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:maxime.rowson@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)***

## Appendix 1: MoJ Funded IDVA/ISVA Posts

The MoJ previously awarded funding for IDVA/ISVA posts through the MoJ IDVA/ISVA Fund 2020/21 – 2022/23. The following organisations were successful. Funding has been extended for these posts until 2024/25.

Organisation name	Post	Specialism	LA area
Victims First Northumbria	1 FTE ISVA	Children & Young People	Northumbria-wide (excluding Newcastle)
	1 FTE ISVA	LGBTQ+ victims	
The Angelou Centre	0.5 FTE ISVA 0.5 FTE IDVA	Black and Minoritised victims	Northumbria-wide
RCTN	2 FTE ISVA	Victims with Learning Disabilities Rural victims	Northumbria-wide
Changing Lives	1 FTE ISVA	Sex work/sexual exploitation	Newcastle
DASSN	1 FTE IDVA for MASH		Northumberland
Harbour	1 IDVA	Children & Young People	North Tyneside
Wearside Women in Need	1 FTE IDVA		Sunderland

In addition to funding for the above posts, we also received funding for training in 2020/21 only for:

West End Women and Girls Centre	Training costs for 1 Children & Young Person's specialist IDVA	Northumbria-wide
Gateshead Domestic Abuse Service	Training costs for 6 IDVAs and 1 Children & Young Person's specialist IDVA	Gateshead