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NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Key Decision

Title and Reference: NP0571 - Child Focused Courts: Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) Support Service

(PCC/763/2026)

Summary:

To seek approval to advertise an open, above threshold tender under the Procurement Act 2023 to procure an independent domestic violence adviser support service, funded by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

Recommendation/Findings:

The MoJ has provided grant funded and asked for Northumbria Police to procure a delivery partner to support with providing independent and specialist domestic abuse assessments and support within the Designated Family Judge (DFJ) areas across Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland in relation to Section 8 applications under the 1989 Children Act and applications for enforcement orders.

Approval to proceed with advertising an open tender will leverage the competition within the market to achieve the best value for money and use of the Grant funding provided by the MoJ to deliver an improved family court experience for adult and child victims of domestic abuse and help safeguard the victims, survivors and children with the aim of limiting the opportunity for coercive and controlling behaviours during proceedings.

The proposed contract value is estimated to be £684,096.30 covering a contract period of 17/11/2026 – 31/03/2028. This value is broken down into:

Northumbria and North Durham

26/27 - £117,129.60

27/28 - £327,960.89

Total - £445,090.49

Cleveland and South Durham

26/27 - £62,896.52

27/28 - £176,109.29

Total - £239,096.30

Total value - £684,096.30

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature



Date 24/7/26