

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE  
DECISION RECORD**

**Decision Record Number DR43/2025**

**Title** Grant Award - Humberside independent Victim Voice and System Change Panel

**Executive Summary**

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**Decision of the PCC**

Approve grant award to Forum CIO

**Background Report: Open**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

**Signature**



**Date 04/08/2025**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
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**SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION**

**OPEN**

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**1. Executive Summary Executive Summary**

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**2. Recommendation**

To commission Forum CIO to undertake a co-production project and develop an independent Victim Voice and System Change Panel. There is budget available within the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) victim grant and the project is complementary provision to what is already being delivered within Humberside police scrutiny, and its collaborative partners. Bringing together the independent voice of lived experience and learned experience, decision makers and commissioners to influence change, adopt best practice within public, community, voluntary and statutory services. Aiming to provide improved experience for women who may be affected by violence and abuse.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. Humberside Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is committed to ending violence against women and girls, (VAWG), as detailed within the Humberside Police and Crime Plan. The OPCC holds enabling as a strong core value, and as such seeks to enable the voice of lived and learned experience in commissioning services and in seeking positive system change.
- 3.2. As such, the OPCC has been collaborating on a system change forum that enables such experience to be heard and advocate. Following a workshop with the collective voice of women across Humberside (21/11/24), the OPCC were able to collaboratively co-produce a framework for a women's collective voice panel and network for Humberside. This was in response to the negative experiences which reportedly impact women within services. A governing document was co-produced at the event and works as a document that guides the development of the group.
- 3.3. To support the continuation of the above a Request for Quotation (RFQ), was undertaken to specifically focus on aspects of the governing document in relation to the development of a system change forum; a project which includes a collaboration of partnership across the Police and Crime Commissioner, Humberside Police, criminal justice agencies, Hull City Council, victim services, the local NHS Integrated Care Board and Hull's Community Safety partnership (CSP), driven by lived and learned collaboration.
- 3.4. The system change forum will bring together key partners to identify the local drivers and root causes of issues within the Criminal Justice System that contribute towards:
  - Stigmatisation and perceived prejudice
  - Poor outcomes for victims
  - Attrition and disengagement
- 3.5. The forum is most concerned with understanding local issues and the appropriate interventions/solutions that are most effective within local geographic areas most affected, e.g., the absence of safe/secure places in which to access a service, report a crime, receive support and intervention. This can have an extremely negative impact on physical and emotional wellbeing.
- 3.6. In Summary the opportunity has sought the convening of collaborative and collective partners. Bringing together the independent voice of lived experience and learned experience, decision makers and commissioners to influence change, adopt best practice within public, community, voluntary and statutory services. Aiming to provide improved experience for women who may be affected by violence and abuse.

- 3.7. Forum CIO submitted an excellent high-quality response, scoring extremely high, moderated with 35 marks and an overall score of 100%.

#### **4. Options**

##### **Option 1: Do Nothing.**

Doing nothing doesn't help to provide a basis and evidence base for these services. To stem the rising rates of violence against women and girls there is a requirement to deeply listen to expert voices and lived experience. To coproduce services, influence change, adopt best practice within public, community, voluntary and statutory services. Aiming to provide improved experience for women who may be affected by violence and abuse. Ultimately doing nothing doesn't support the aims of the Police and Crime plan.

##### **Option 2: Award the grant to Forum CIO (Preferred Option)**

This option would provide Humberside with a quality independent lived and learned collective and provide opportunity to build the evidence and influence for change. This opportunity also presents recognition of the OPCC commitment in supporting grass roots service user involvement, co-production and the VAWG commitments of Humberside Police and Crime Plan. Focussing on best practice, innovation, and collaboration to affect positive change.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

The cost of the project is £15,749 as displayed within the bid application and grant terms.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

A Grant Agreement will be put in place with Forum CIO and include a schedule of works, milestones, and timeline for mobilisation and delivery.

#### **7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan**

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the PCC's commitment ending Violence Against Women and Girls. The programme of activity to enable system

change will support the delivery of the following outcome of the Police and Crime Plan:

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## **8. Equalities Implications**

No implications, the grant scheme will not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics.

## **9. Consultation**

The following have been consulted during the development of the approach and are supportive of the preferred option:

- PH Business Manager;
- Data Protection Officer;
- Humberside Collective Voice.

## **10. Media information**

There will be opportunities to promote and publicise the OPCC working with key partners in tackling VAWG. Promoting the work of the OPCC in a positive light with respect of grass roots community organisations, a culture of co-producing, listening, learning, and enabling.

## **11. Background documents**

Humberside Victim Voice Panel Governing document.

## **12. Publication**

Open

## **13. DPIA considered**

DPIA considered, initial screen required. Consulted with Mike Richmond.