

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

Decision Record Number **DR69/2025**

Title **Breaking Down Barriers Project (Hull & NEL)**

Executive Summary:

Decision Record (DR) 40/2024 approved a mini project to identify and provide resources to break down barriers to reporting domestic abuse from black and minoritised women and girls living in the Humber area.

This DR seeks approval of appointing The Health Gospel to extend provision of the Breaking Down Barriers project into Hull and North-East Lincolnshire following on from a previous grant award and request for quotes (RFQ).

Decision of the PCC

Approved.

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: 16/12/2025

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Breaking Down Barriers Project

Date: 10th December 2025

1. Executive Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) previously agreed a project to identify and provide resources to break down barriers to reporting domestic abuse from black and minoritised women living in the Humber area. As per DR40/2024.

This DR seeks approval of appointing The Health Gospel to extend provision of the Breaking Down Barriers project into Hull and North-East Lincolnshire following on from a recent grant award and request for quotes (RFQ).

2. Recommendation

The PCC approves the selected provider, i.e. The Health Gospel to extend phase 1 of the Breaking Down Barriers project across Hull and North-East Lincolnshire.

3. Background

Following agreement to seek a provider, the contracts and commissioning team sought at least three quotations via a RFQ process to provide the service described above.

Four organisations were approached to support the service however, only one organisation submitted a quotation that being The Health Gospel. The application was scored by three members of staff from the OPCC plus an independent person from an external provider.

Additional funding has been sourced to extend this project across Hull and North-East Lincolnshire, based on the Humberside DA profile and addressing areas of hidden demand.

4. Options

- 1) The Health Gospel are approved as the chosen organisation to extend the provision of the Breaking Down Barriers Project into Hull and North-East Lincolnshire. *(Preferred option)*.

- 2) Do not approve. Not approving would mean that we would not meet our obligations to the Ministry of Justice, and we would have to consider further options, such as not providing the service at all or going back to the market to seek quotations.

5. Financial Implications

The submitted bid for this project into the MoJ was for £40,000, this fully covers the project costs.

6. Legal Implications

No legal implications identified; the work is in addition to existing services for those from all ethnic backgrounds.

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

The project links with engaged and resilient communities and safer communities.

8. Equalities Implications

The project supports the Public Sector Equality Duty and helps to ensure access to services on the grounds of faith and ethnicity.

9. Consultation

Consultation was carried out with stakeholders, partners and DA providers who have all been supportive. The project plans shall include focus groups and co-production work with black and minoritised women, particularly those with lived experience of domestic abuse.

10. Media information

Details of the project will be shared via social media if required.

11. Background documents

Previous decision record has been published.

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered - DPIA is not required.