

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

Decision Record Number: **17/2026**

Title: **FCR IDVA and Raneem's Law Single Tender Award**

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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 request has my approval.

Signature



Date 24/03/2026

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3. Background

- The Blue Door CiC have delivered the Force Control Room Independent Domestic Abuse Service (FCR IDVA) since 2019. The service is valued locally and has developed considerably within this period to meet local needs and an increasing demand.
- The grant expired in 2024/25 but was extended to cater for a 6-force national pilot; Raneem's Law. This increased the grant by £46, 000.
- Based on background and specialist experience the Humberside Office for police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) were approached by the Home Office to partake in the above 6-force pilot for Raneem's Law, extending the FCR IDVA provision in a lesson learned and professional development capacity.
- The pilot has now been extended into a 2nd phase, and as such includes additional requirements, such as Rapid Video Response, Humberside were approached to be part of Phase 2, at an increased value of £102,000 per annum, commencing in April 2026.
- This brings the total contractual value for the additional two-year period to £182,000 per annum for both FCR IDVA and Raneem's Law, requiring a procurement decision, with a single tender award as favourable.

There are several local and national rationales which support a single tender award:

- The Blue Door CiC are sector specialists, the competition locally is extremely limited, with alternative providers for domestic abuse being in house services within local authorities. Utilising the single tender award enables swift progress against Home Office expectations of a go live date in April 2026 for Raneem’s Law.
- Utilising the single tender award will also enable the service to continue to provide a high standard of support to victims of high harm domestic violence within Humberside. This directly supports the Police and Crime Plan in delivering effective services for victims.
- Victim and Prisoners bill grants additional focus on victim satisfaction and gives a voice to victims in resolution. Raneem’s Law pilot supports these endeavours.
- The learning obtained and associated workforce development provides evidence for future commissioning of pathways and interventions for supporting victims and managing offenders. A Single tender award allows additional time for learning from Raneem’s Law pilot and associated national policing policy developments, by way of the future funding arrangements to be secured and agreed.
- In light of the above, the funding and commissioning environment is difficult to predict currently, and tendering activity is likely to see limited responses, mainly due to uncertainties and vulnerability within funding commitments.

4. Options and Risks

Please see options appraisal below, option 1 is considered as the preferred option based on least risk and most benefit.

Option No.	Option Description	Option Detail	Benefits	Negative Aspects	Risk Score 1 = Low 4 = High	Preference Rank 1 = preferred option 3 = least preferred option
1	Utilise option to extend via STA for 12 - 24 months	Extend the existing service via an STA with break clause 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current service is developing in line with national expectations and policy developments. • An STA offers a continuity service and service development opportunities for at least an additional 12 month. • As above, provides assurance of quality and enables continuous learning and service developments • Provides continuity in partner relationships encouraging service awareness • Provider is connected to partnerships and actively supporting the VPP in wider work. • Meets the terms of the Home Office grant and expected timeline. • Meets the PCC’s obligations to provide effective services for victims. • Allows for emerging national policy landscape to settle and delivery of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provider may not agree to a contract extension, or not agree within the available financial envelope • Does not test the market for increased value, however the supplier landscape throughout Humberside is limited. • Stand still budget creates issues with inflation rises and workforce resilience -current context of cost of living an inflation. 	1	1

			<p>outcomes against backdrop of unsettled environment concerning the future of OPCC's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds in time for strategic planning of onward service requirements and connected commissioning projects. • FCR IDVA Is profiled within current victim's budget. • Value for money -commercial budget, attractive to supplier, attractive to PCC and supplier. • Benefit to social value, continue to provide employment, including training, learning and development for local people. • Increased market stability when considering • Changes in the policing policy landscape, in addition to an already busy pipeline for Humberside procurement. Contract opportunities less desirable with uncertain future and uncertainty over future funding arrangements. This has created uncertainties over commitment of resources into the future. An extension via STA provides the added benefit of having time for resilience. • Contracts are more robust than grant arrangements and offer additional confidence and resilience in managing activity and processes. 			
2	Utilise STA Option to for 12 months only.	Extend the existing service for a single twelve-month period via supplier negotiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a continuity of service • Is profiled within current budgets. • Enables continuous learning and service development. • Provides continuity in partner relationships encouraging service awareness • Meets the terms of the Home Office grant and expected timelines – commencing in April 2026. • Meets the PCC's obligations to provide effective services for victims. • Changes in the policing policy landscape in addition has created uncertainties over commitment of resources into the future. An extension via STA provides the added benefit of having time for resilience. • Contracts are more robust than grant arrangements and offer additional confidence and resilience in managing activity and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents greater value for money than option 3 but not that of option 1 • Service provider may not agree to a contract extension, or not agree within the available financial envelope • Single year extensions are not as attractive to providers, less continuity and resilience. • Does not test the market for increased value • Requires additional resource to agree a further extension. 	2	2
3	Do Nothing	<p>Allow contract to expire at the end of current financial year.</p> <p>No longer provide the service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived benefit as saves 2 years funding. However, this would be refunded to MOJ and Home Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not meet the PCC's obligations to provide victim services and VAWG prevention. • Does not meet the terms of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Home Office (HO) grant • Reputation risk to the PCCs by not meeting obligations/Police and Crime Plan Priorities and creates issues for evidencing police and crime plan aims and deliverables. 	4	3

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places vulnerable victims of high harm at risk of no service and support and learning. • Impact for MOJ and VCOP 		
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5. Financial Implications

Should Option 1 be agreed then there is a requirement to fund for an additional 24 months.

Proposed Contract Duration	Contract Value £
12 months	£182,000
24 months	£364,000

6. Legal Implications

The Single Tender Award must meet Contractual Procedural Rules (CPR'S'). Humberside Police Procurement support has been secured to ensure that the process is governed and legal.

7. Equalities Implications

An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken to support commissioning decision and procurement process.

8. Consultation

There is frequent consultation with stakeholders considering FCR IDVA and Raneem's Law. The current domestic abuse specialist who is leading the Raneem's Law pilot has taken discussions to domestic abuse scrutiny and obtained recommendations for future service development opportunities. We are confident in the direction in which stakeholders wish to progress, we will continue to consult and coproduce with the lived and learned experience group.

9. Media information

Opportunities for re launch for media posts in relation to supporting VAWG plan aims and ambitions in accordance with the police and crime plan.

10. Background documents

None.

11. Publication

Open

12. DPIA considered

Yes - consulted with Mike Richmond. Subject to the Blue Door CiC progressing a successful audit.