

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

Decision Record Number: **DR60/2026**

Title: **Operation Beacon Port - Blue Door Contract Variation**

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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 12/10/2026

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2. Background

- 2.1. The Blue Door CIC is the successfully commissioned provider of adult and child ISVA services across Humberside, following a competitive procurement exercise in 2024.
- 2.2. Operation Beacon port is being led by the National Crime Agency (NCA). The NCA systematically reviews previously closed group-based CSAE cases where no further action was taken. Because Operation Beacon port places victim and survivor voices at the centre of its re-investigation criteria, local forces must guarantee that immediate, robust support systems are active.
- 2.3. The reopening or formal review of these historic files creates an immediate requirement for intensive, long-term advocacy, legal information, and multi-agency support. This contract variation ensures that The Blue Door has resilience to manage caseloads without impacting day-to-day demand and avoids issues with waiting lists.
- 2.4. Operation Beacon port will require a pan Humber ISVA service to deliver equitable victim care and trauma informed support. The current operation is in situ and the first number cases to be reviewed will be announced to Humberside Police in early October 2026.

- 2.5. This activity requires a procurement decision, with a contract variation as favourable. There are several local and national rationales which support this approach:

3. Options and Risks

Option 1. Contract Variation

This option is recommended because it allows the OPCC to capitalise on the funding opportunity to provide additional resilience for local communities and service providers, supporting partnerships to meet identified risk areas, bringing increased service provision and interventions to the Humber region.

- The Blue Door are sector specialists, the competition for ISVA services locally is extremely limited. Utilising the contract variation enables swift progress against a go live date in October 2026.
- Late announcement and grant award and the requirement for a rapid mobilisation to meet the demand from formal reviews. A contract variation enables a swift procurement and mobilisation and prevents Re-Traumatisation, by enabling trauma informed, person-centred and compassionate communication, this model breaks the cycle of secondary trauma caused by cold contact from non-specialists.
- Utilising a contract variation will also enable the service flexibility through an already mobilised and integrated provider to continue to provide a high standard of support to victims of high harm within Humberside. This directly supports the Police and Crime Plan in delivering effective services for victims.

Option 2. Don't Progress Contract Variation.

This option is not recommended as it places Humberside at risk of not meeting demand and identified gaps, emerging risk area, resulting in absence of resilience, impacting on delivery of the police and crime plan. There is already significant public and media interest with this area, not awarding is a potential reputational risk and contributes to delays and frictions and further adds to confidence issues within the system.

4. Financial Implications

Should Option 1 be agreed then there is a requirement to fund for an initial 12 months at a cost of £56,000. The investigation has a 3-year timeline, commencing in October 2026 through to March 2029. There may be options for additional funding into future years provision. A journal will be issued to transfer funding arrangements for ISVA post under the substantive ISVA contract.

5. Legal Implications

The contract variation enables the OPCC to meet Contractual Procedural Rules (CPR'S'). Humberside Police Procurement support will be secured to ensure that the process is governed and legal.

6. Equalities Implications

An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken to support commissioning decision and procurement process. Equity in Victim Justice: The trauma-informed framework explicitly identifies and addresses the structural barriers faced by minoritised, isolated, or highly vulnerable victim cohorts. This ensures that safety, clear information, and justice are delivered equitably, directly answering national calls to repair public trust in the justice system and confidence issues which are created from national enquiries.

7. Consultation

There has been stakeholder consultation, particularly with The Blue Door and key partners, including specialist commands and force colleagues. Humberside police acknowledge the requirement and welcome the additional support and resilience. There has been further consultation with the VAWG lived experience collective who are equally as welcoming and supportive.

8. Media information

There are some immediate sensitivities with Operation Beaconport, any communications are to be considered against trauma triggers and reputational issues for stakeholders. There are currently many unknowns in relation to number of cases and the depth of any investigations.

9. Background documents

None.

10. Publication

Open

11. DPIA considered

No DPIA is required as this is an extension to an existing service contract and no new processing will take place that has not already been assessed in the DPIA.