



Covid-19 Extraordinary funding for domestic abuse and sexual violence victim's support service – 24th March 2020 to 31st October 2020.

Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner (NPCC) successfully bid for and received £499,687.68 from the Ministry of Justice Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding to help those vital services currently supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence to continue, and ensure that their services are readily available and accessible during the current pandemic. This funding will help meet the additional costs local organisations have incurred or will incur whilst adapting their services during the Covid-19 situation, as well as enabling them to cope with any increases in demand during this time as a result of the pandemic.

COVID-19 restrictions have meant that services needed to adapt the way they operate so they could continue to provide essential support; this fund has provided these services with the resources they need to carry out their work in a safe and socially distant way, ensuring they have enough staffing capacity and resources to meet current or future demand.

Following a bid assessment process, the services listed in the table below were successful in receiving the Covid-19 Extraordinary funding.

Organisation	Grant Awarded	Service/Grant Summary	Geographical Coverage
Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS)	£21,222	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical and emotional support for all victims of domestic abuse across Northumberland, including those living in rural isolation• Individual and group support• Support through the CJS• Specialist group courses available including the Freedom Programme, Freedom Forever and The Recovery Toolkit• This funding will enable the service to increase staffing levels and provide specialist trauma informed therapeutic support during the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse	Northumberland



Being Woman	£7,608	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free & confidential dedicated service.• Survive to Thrive to support Asylum Seekers, Refugees and BAME (Black, Minority and Ethnic) groups in Northumberland with Domestic Abuse, Relationship problems, upsetting or traumatic experiences, Difficult emotions whether it's something recent or something historical.• Provide a safe and inclusive space for people from various ethnic backgrounds and at risk of social isolation to provide support services which have the purpose of helping victims of abuse cope with the impacts of trauma, and as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced• Promote cultural exchange, provide advice and support to improve victim's socio-economic status, well-being and integration.• This funding will enable the service to cover staffing costs along with IT costings during the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse	Northumberland
Northumberland Pride	£9,779	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raises awareness of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT+) culture and heritage in today's society within Northumberland .• They support the LGBT+ community with specialist advice, support and guidance on a wide range of services including, but not limited to; peer to peer support, sexual health, mental health, domestic violence, sexual abuse, isolation issues, volunteering opportunities as well as delivering funded projects such as our "positive role models" campaign.• It is an LGBTQ+ specialised service providing generic victim support with tailored support for domestic abuse and/or sexual violence through guidance, awareness, prevention, support, advice and signposting	Northumberland



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aside from an annual LGBT+ festival as part of a programme of events, unlike many other pride organisations an all year-round support service is offered to members of the LGBT+ community within Northumberland.• This funding will support with staffing, IT, Stationary and Welfare pack costs to support victims of Domestic Abuse.	
Family Gateway	£15,122	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage, support and empower the most hard to reach and vulnerable families across North/South Tyneside, South East Northumberland and parts of Newcastle.• The model recruits and trains local people who have first-hand lived experience of the issues that service users find challenging.• Support provided by the organisation includes: financial; mental/ physical ill-health, support for domestic violence victims; poor school attendance/achievement; risk of moving into care; poor accommodation; history of antisocial behaviour and crime.• The common factors are children in those households are adversely affected by the family and home situation and without whole family support their lives will be negatively shaped, potentially permanently, due to factors beyond their control such as domestic abuse or sexual violence. Family Gateway's ultimate aim is to intervene early to improve life chances for children by creating safe, loving, nurturing family and home environments.• This funding will support with Staffing Costs, supervision, ICT and associated costs to support victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	Cross area
Bright Futures	£37,296	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address the sexual exploitation of young women aged 11-25 years old	South Tyneside



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and assertive outreach detached youth work on two evenings a week in areas where women are vulnerable and at risk of sexual exploitation – informal education sessions and positive social activities• One to one tailored support to young women who wish to address the impact upon them of being exploited – an holistic programme of support in order for young women to be supported, live safely, be independent and make positive and informed choices.• Continuation of partnership working with Northumbria Police’s Operation Sanctuary• Support for young women going through the court process• This funding will support with staffing costs during this pandemic to support victims of Sexual Violence.	
Wearside Women in Need (WWIN)	£23,141	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist IDVA victim-led support for high risk (MARAC) victims of domestic abuse with an aim to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have stronger operating procedures and referral routes to increase victim engagement through a needs-led delivery model• Find alternative approaches to engage very high risk repeat victims• Create a more effective route to justice for victims• Improve multi-agency response through a greater understanding of victims needs and risk management• This funding will support with the purchase of additional IT and PPE to continue to support victims of Domestic Abuse	Sunderland
Acorns (North Tyneside)	£3,913	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support to cope and crisis support for 11-18 year olds that have experienced domestic abuse in their own relationships or at home, through a 3 tier service – prevent, cope and recover.	Northumberland North Tyneside



		<p>Support on offer includes counselling, play therapy, group support, drop-ins and crisis support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk and safety planning – developing strategies to stay safe and helping the child to identify supportive and safe people in their life• Emotional support – a lower level of therapeutic intervention for children struggling with current life events but may not be in a position to commit to a structured programme of counselling• Advocacy – support at meetings/appointments, for example, at school or court• Practical advice, guidance and mentoring – this could be around future choices and decisions, education, employment, mental and physical health• Support for children who have experienced or are experiencing DA,• Funding will be used to increase capacity across the service in response to increased demand and also to deliver a high level of intervention to more clients.• This funding will enable the service to purchase phones, laptop accessories to facilitate homeworking and equipment to enable resumption of CV-19 compliant services and support victims of Domestic Abuse	
Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland	£6,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist ISVA, practical and emotional support (including counselling) to cope and recover from the impact of sexual violence, recent or historic.• Support clients through the criminal justice system• Counsellor dedicated to victims referred from Victims First Northumbria• Support women and girls aged 13+ and also anyone who feels a women and girl's service is right for them.	Cross Area



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This funding will support with the purchase of IT equipment, office stationary and staffing costs to support victims of Sexual Violence	
Safer Communities	£11,230	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make communities safer, support victims of Sexual Violence and create opportunities to change people's lives for the better.• Provide high quality support, interventions and programmes that deliver significant life changing differences for people who engage in our services.• Provide a positive future for children and young people.• Transform the lives of victims of crime and support them to cope and recover.• Create safe and sustainable communities.• North East Sexual Assault Referral Centre Support Service - 24/7 Crisis service for victims of rape and sexual abuse in the Teesside, Durham and Northumbria SARC areas• Victim Care and Advice Service• Restorative Justice Services• Community Peer Mentors• Youth Services.• This funding will enable the purchase of IT equipment so that support can still be offered during this current pandemic to continue to support victims of Sexual Violence	Cross Area
The Children's Society	£17,979	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One to one mentoring and resilience programme for children and young people aged 10 to 18 years old who have been affected by child sexual exploitation• Source and deliver where appropriate therapies and support packages tailored to the individual needs of the young person• Help build the confidence, resilience and well-being of the young person by providing practical and emotional support;	Cross Area



		<p>enabling young people to set their own personal goals and assisting them to access activities and therapies necessary for their progression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a listening ear and act as a positive role model to complement the intensive support work developed by SCARPA• Make referrals for intensive care and support• This funding will support with additional staffing costs during this pandemic to support victims of Sexual violence	
The Halo Project	£4,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The service is led by BAME women and works with BAME women and girls (aged 17 or over) who are at risk of or facing Domestic or Sexual Violence, specifically Illegal Cultural Harms (ICH) which include Honour Based Violence, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation, Modern Slavery, Grooming, Coercive Control and hate crimes.• The service supports victims on a 1:1 basis from crisis and through our cultural support, learning and empowerment so they can move on to live independent lives free from harm.• Direct victim outreach services are already delivered across other Force areas and include 1:1 cultural, multilingual support from crisis to recovery, safeguarding, specialist BAME 6 bed refuge, move on, accredited trauma informed community education for recovery, practical, financial, health and wellbeing support, legal partners and Halo IDVA support in court.• This funding will enable the establishment of additional hubs for vulnerable people to access support around domestic abuse within the Northumbria Region	Newcastle Sunderland
Impact Family Services	£10,595	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support to ex partners who are facing low level conflict and disagreement over arrangements for the children post separation.	Cross Area



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The service has increased its knowledge, skills and expertise in the multi complexities of couple relationships and family breakdown and have developed services across the North East of England to meet a range of situations including specialist domestic violence and abuse services, bespoke therapeutic children's, families services as well as behaviour change programmes.• This funding will enable the service to support a variation of current work during the pandemic and the purchase of ICT equipment to continue contact with victims.	
North East Law Centre	£22,536	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal advice and support service for victims of domestic abuse and also victims with other vulnerabilities• Domestic abuse support – specialist support for male and female victims of all levels of risk of domestic abuse; outreach provision for minority ethnic victims including support for honour-based abuse and FGM victims; emotional and practical support for parents who are subject to domestic abuse by their adolescent children.• Support for victims with other vulnerabilities - specialist advice for victims of trafficking, modern slavery and labour exploitation; specialist support and practical guidance for victims of crime with regards to criminal injuries compensation and understanding the criminal justice system.• This funding will support with Solicitor, IT and staffing costs occurred during the current pandemic to support victims of domestic abuse.	Cross Area
West End Women and Girls	£26,388	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for women over 18 years to cope and recover from domestic abuse through Safe 4 Life courses• There will be three 11-week courses delivered	Northumberland North Tyneside Newcastle



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduates from the course will have the opportunity to go on a 10-week course to become a DV Peer Supporter• The DV Peer Supporters will run a weekly drop-in for domestic abuse victims• Through the DV Peer Educator programme, girls and young women who have experienced domestic abuse can access specialist practical and emotional support. Part of the programme involves the delivery of sessions on domestic abuse in schools and other settings, where girls and young women can come forward to be trained to become a Domestic Abuse Champion. These champions are trained to recognise domestic abuse, how to report and how to raise awareness around it.• This funding would support the purchase of ICT equipment, software, support and additional management supervision of staff supporting victims of Domestic Abuse.	Gateshead Sunderland
Victims First Northumbria (VFN)	£38,539	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a one stop shop for victims of crime including Domestic Abuse and Sexual violence delivering an integrated victim care approach for victims who are at risk of serious harm or have substantial needs• Champion the needs of victims• Provide clear pathways for victims which are often complex and dynamic• Provide clear pathways for victims through the Criminal Justice System• Co-ordinate victims cope and recovery care• Identify opportunities to support victims through their recovery utilising Restorative Justice• Deliver "Victim driven support" placing the victim in control of their care package allowing them to cope and recover	Cross Area



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify victims and witness needs to ensure the right emotional and practical support is provided through the court process• Provide a consistent across the board so no matter where people live they receive a good service which leaves them with a positive experience• Become a centre for excellence for the provision of victims services with very clear quality standards and a quality of service commitment for all victims• Ensure resources are available to support victims efficiently and effectively• This funding will enable the support of additional staffing and IT costs incurred during the current pandemic to support victims of domestic abuse.	
The Angelou Centre	£27,344	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist holistic, culturally intuitive, support for BME women who have been victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse• Accessible advocacy support (IDVA and ISVA trained staff) to reduce victimisation and improve safety• Trauma-informed therapeutic interventions for sexual violence victims• This funding will support with additional staffing costs, purchase of ICT equipment and PPE to support victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	Newcastle
Streetwise Young People's Project	£29,684	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist advice, support and therapeutic services for young people aged 11-25 years who are/have been victims of sexual abuse, exploitation, domestic violence, physical assault, hate crime or other, helping them cope and recover from their experiences	Cross Area

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling and group work for young victims of crime, including children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. • The launch of a force wide campaign aimed at children and young people who they can't access at the moment, educating them on domestic abuse and informing of pathways to support. • This funding will enable the purchase of PPE and cover additional staffing and travel costs incurred as a result of the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse 	
Community Counselling Cooperative	£3,619	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one specialist peripatetic counselling for male victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, assault and harassment • Monthly peer support groups to create greater resilience, coping strategies and increased self-awareness. • This funding will enable the service to develop upon their online capabilities to ensure the service is still available to victims. 	Cross Area
Harbour Support Services	£21,493	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one sessions to assess immediate safety, provide information and establish the support each victim will need • This funding will support with the additional staffing costs incurred as a result of the current pandemic to support victims of Sexual violence. 	Cross Area
Changing Lives	£20,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma-responsive, 2:1 support for high risk women who have been involved in sex work, survival sex and/or have been a victim of sexual exploitation. • Safety planning and wellbeing support • Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) and recovery programmes will be embedded into the 2:1 support • Support for women to find a place in their community through volunteering, further education and employment • Support for victims through the CJS 	Cross Area



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This funding will support the service in continuing their work with high risk victims who are currently in supported accommodation.	
Newcastle Women's Aid	£7,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for female victims of domestic abuse, including HBV, forced marriage, stalking and harassment• Support for women and girls to achieve safety and stay safe• Emotional and practical support, information and advocacy• One to one support including, exploring and identifying their options• Individual safety and support plans for clients including regular reviews of agreed actions• Access to any other support services provided by NWA• Varying levels of support so there can be a quick response, minimising waiting times for support• This funding will enable the service to purchase additional IT equipment to continue support during the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse	Newcastle
Children North East	£38,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist counselling for young people aged 11 to 25 year olds who are vulnerable/have mental health issues following a crime or who have been victims of sexual violence One to one counselling – this will include innovative counselling approaches such as 'Exposure Therapy', which helps the you person take control of their fears• This funding will enable the service to support with the purchase of ICT equipment, PPE and cover additional staffing costs incurred during the current pandemic to support victims of Sexual Violence	Cross Area



Tyneside Women's Health	£1,105	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One to one and group support for women who have experienced domestic abuse• Weekly support groups in Newcastle and Gateshead for women affected by domestic abuse• Delivering 'Undoing the Damage of Domestic Abuse' courses to help women understand the impact of their abuse on their mental health and the steps to take to overcome this• Monthly network for women who have experienced domestic abuse led by service users who have accessed support and received training. This forms part of the exit strategy for women.• This funding will help cover the costs of additional staffing and telephony during the current pandemic to support victims of domestic abuse	Cross Area
Cygnus Support	£17,243	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsive one to one counselling and psycho-education programme for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence to help them cope and recover from their experiences• This funding will enable the service to continue and offer their service and cover any costs that have been incurred by the service during the current pandemic to support victims of domestic abuse	Northumberland
Apna Ghar	£19,860	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for women by providing a wide range of opportunities by developing confidence and empower women to recognise their full potential whilst allowing them to maintain their cultural identity.• The service supports women with complex issues including domestic abuse and provide support with advice/advocacy, signposting and working in partnership with other organisations and agencies on issues such as domestic abuse, group work, drop-ins and information gaining sessions.	South Tyneside



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer various vocational and non-vocational classes including, basic English, IT, sewing and a gardening project. All sessions are supported by qualified multi-lingual staff.• The COVID Project will support BAME women victim survivors and their children providing specialist pathways of intervention and recovery support responding to the specific needs of women during the pandemic.• This funding will support the service with the purchase of IT equipment and cover any staffing costs incurred as a result of the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse	
Women's Health in South Tyneside (WHIST)	£10,225	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counselling service for women aged 16+ who are victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual abuse• 12-week therapeutic support group called 'Kindness Within'• This funding will enable the service to purchase IT equipment and cover any additional staffing and management costings incurred during the current pandemic to support victims of domestic abuse	South Tyneside
Riverside Community Health Project	£24,298	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with and support the whole community, especially those families most in need, including the BAME communities.• Offer a range of services including training into employment, family support, welfare rights and debt advice, activities for parents and very young children, support to apply EU residents to apply for settled status.• Run groups for women called Staying Afloat which aim to increase women's resilience and give them the opportunity to meet in a safe, creative and supportive environment so that they can talk freely with their peers (supported by a group worker who is experienced in working with women who disclose domestic abuse).	Newcastle



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offering socially distanced contact visits and deliveries of essential items such as food, nappies, toiletries to those families that we have assessed as most at risk so that we have sight of the family and they feel supported. This includes families where there has been a history of domestic abuse or we suspect there is abuse present.• This funding will enable the service to purchase IT equipment and cover any additional staffing costings occurred during the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse	
Action for Children	£22,131	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The service works to protect and support children and young people.• The service aims to help children get the best start in life, ensuring children have safe and stable homes.• The service offer support for young people's mental health via the offer of practical and emotional support.• The service operate over 475 services nationally, improving the lives of over 380,000 children, teenagers, parents and carers every year.• This funding will support with the purchase of IT equipment and cover additional staffing costs incurred as a result of the current pandemic to support victims of Domestic Abuse	Cross Area