



Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA) Fund 2021-2022

Capacity-Building Funding Information Document

Section 1: Background

As part of its commitment to tackling the known impact of domestic abuse on children and young people, the current government established the Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA) Fund which ran from 2018-2020 and was subsequently extended to cover Apr 20 – Mar 21 and the potential, additional impact of COVID19 restrictions.

The HO has now committed to a further year of CADA funding. Having previously secured this funding and satisfied HO monitoring requirements, the Northumbria OPCC were informed that we will receive a further award from this fund with the monies secured subject to a final, signed grant agreement. Whilst this agreement is awaited, officers from the PCC's Violence Reduction Unit have undertaken a service mapping exercise which has flagged the following gaps and issues:

- Play therapy/counselling for the youngest age group (4-8 years) is a key gap in 5 out of 6 local authority (LA) areas within Northumbria and therapeutic work for older children is relatively scarce outside of North Tyneside and Northumberland.
- DA specific group work for children is also scant, particularly compared to the provision of generic awareness/healthy relationships group work programmes in schools and other community locations.
- DA specific group work aimed at addressing the damage that domestic abusers can inflict on the relationship between the non-offending parent and their child(ren) is also scarce, although a number of LA areas have begun or have plans to develop work in this area.
- YPVAs or CHIDVAs for young people who are experiencing DA in their own relationships are not yet available in every LA area.

In addition:

- Larger urban areas are less well provided for than some of the smaller LA areas in Northumbria
- There is very little evidence of clear links/referral pathways between DA-Specific children's work and local DA perpetrator programmes in most areas.
- The referral pathways for much of the region-wide provision need to be clarified and shared more widely, if services are to be utilised fully.

Given the above, the PCC is taking a capacity building approach with this 1 year's funding and has developed a Northumbria-wide funding strategy which will contribute to filling gaps, build service provision and enhance existing service capacity for children and young people affected by domestic abuse, in readiness for the potential of any longer-term statutory sector commissioning.

Section 2: What We Require

The new CADA funding will not provide sufficient monies to fill all the identified gaps in services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse in Northumbria. Fortunately, the PCC has already committed grant funding to a range of organisations who are providing direct support to child victims of domestic abuse, alongside money for the provision of healthy relationships work and peer



educator work in schools. The OPCC has also submitted a bid to the MoJ for 3 further CHIDVAs. As such, the Northumbria CADA Fund 2021/22 will be used to prioritise 3 areas of service provision highlighted by the recent mapping exercise as follows:

Service Type	Funding Available	Additional Notes
1: 1 therapeutic support that is trauma-informed, DA-specific and available to younger children (aged 4 years +) as well as older children and young people.	<p>The Northumbria OPCC is seeking to secure the following provision for each LA area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 0.5 FTE Play Therapist or counsellor who is able to work with younger children aged 4 years and over • A 0.5 FTE Counsellor for children and young people aged 8 years and over 	<p>The OPCC will consider submissions from smaller providers wishing to focus on their own local authority area and from two or more providers wishing to work collaboratively.</p> <p>They will consider submissions covering 2 co-terminus areas that together comprise an existing Northumbria Police area command (e.g. Northumberland and North Tyneside)</p> <p>They will also consider submissions that cover 3+ local authority areas.</p>
Group work (Children and Young People) that is DA specific and suitable for children aged 7+ years of age	<p>The Northumbria OPCC is seeking to secure the provision of group work programmes for children and young people affected by DA in each LA area.</p> <p>The funding is available for the training of programme facilitators (as needed) and the delivery of at least 3 group work programmes per LA area by March 2022.</p> <p>Programmes should be available on an outreach basis and can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping Hands • Safe Hands • Roots • Safe for Life • Other accredited or well-evidenced programmes 	<p>The OPCC will consider submissions from smaller providers wishing to focus on their own local authority area and from two or more providers wishing to work collaboratively.</p> <p>They will consider submissions covering 2 co-terminus areas that together comprise an existing Northumbria Police area command (e.g. Northumberland and North Tyneside)</p> <p>They will also consider submissions that cover 3+ local authority areas.</p>
Group-work (Parent and child) which is DA specific and which aims to address the damage a domestic abuser can do to the relationship between the non-offending parent and their child(ren).	<p>The Northumbria OPCC is seeking to secure the provision of group work programmes for non-offending parents and their children in each LA area.</p> <p>The funding is available for the training of programme facilitators (as needed) and the delivery of at least 3 group work programmes per LA area by March 2022.</p> <p>Programmes should be available on an outreach basis and can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DARE • DART • Other accredited or well-evidenced programmes 	<p>The OPCC will consider submissions from smaller providers wishing to focus on their own local authority area and from two or more providers wishing to work collaboratively.</p> <p>They will consider submissions covering 2 co-terminus areas that together comprise an existing Northumbria Police area command (e.g. Northumberland and North Tyneside)</p> <p>They will also consider submissions that cover 3+ local authority areas.</p> <p>They will also consider other forms of provision which meet the same aim.</p>



The Northumbria CADA Fund 2021/22 has a total of £384k available for this work. It is hoped that this funding will help to ensure that all 3 types of provision outlined above are operating in each of the 6 LA areas, either as new provision that helps to fill a gap, or building on existing provision to strengthen what is already there and add additional capacity.

Expressions of interest in delivering one or more of the above services must include the following 4 elements, the absence of which will be treated as a 'show-stopper':

- (a) The organisation's history of delivering trauma-informed 1:1 or group-based support to children, young people or adults who have been affected by domestic abuse
- (b) An implementation plan outlining the timescales for development and delivery of the service between June 2021 and Mar 2022.
- (c) Contingency plans for how the service could be delivered should a further COVID19 surge lead to another local/national lockdown.
- (d) The cost of delivering the service for which funding is sought.

Expressions of interest should also include a clear commitment to:

- Developing referral pathways for children whose fathers are linked to DA perpetrator programmes, including the Northumbria Drive Project
- Communicating with the DA lead and children's services leads in the relevant LA area(s) to make them aware of the service offer and referral pathways
- Developing an engagement and communications plan that will enable the service to promote this provision and build local networks e.g. with Local Authority DA Partnerships; child safeguarding partnerships; specialist providers of refuge and outreach services; providers of early help and child protection interventions etc.

Submissions will be assessed against the following 5 quality criteria:

1. An understanding of funding requirements
2. Expertise and experience
3. Capacity to deliver
4. Service outcomes
5. Value for money

Please see the 'CADA Fund 2021-22 EOI Guidance' for further information.

Section 3: Staffing, Management Costs & Training

All staff involved in delivering the proposed work must hold an up-to-date enhanced DBS check and be of sufficient, demonstrable experience to deliver the proposed interventions effectively.

Expressions of interest should provide details of the funding required to cover direct and indirect costs. There should be no hidden costs.

This fund can include costs for any training required to prepare for service delivery.

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Section 4: Monitoring Requirements

The grant conditions for the funding stipulate that performance management information must be collected and shared with the Home Office. As a result we will require regular performance management information, which will include:

- Referrals Received and Referral Sources
- Cases carried over and opened/closed during the period
- Case Load Demographics
- Case Contact and Engagement
- Reasons for Case Closure
- Interventions Delivered
- Outcomes Achieved – including indices of change in individual wellbeing.

It will also be essential for the OPCC to meet with representatives from successful organisations on a quarterly basis (and more often, as required) to review service delivery and address any performance issues.

Section 5: How Do I Apply?

The Police and Crime Commissioner would like to receive expressions of interest from experienced organisations/service whose core business is supporting children and/or victims of domestic abuse. These organisations should ideally have a footprint within the appropriate geographical locations and be able to fulfil the specifications and expectations of this funding opportunity.

All expressions of interest, outlining your suitability for this work and the associated costs are to be submitted to anita.lord@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk by **COP on Monday 14th June 2021**. Assessments will be made in the following 10 working days and successful applicants will be informed as soon as possible after this time.

Please note that a separate EOI guidance document and form can be downloaded from the ‘Commissioning Service and Grants’ section of the PCCs website: <http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/commissioning-services-grants/>. If you have any problems downloading the form or have any questions about the fund please contact enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk quoting ‘Children Affected by Domestic Abuse Fund 2021’

Subject to agreement from the HO, we are aiming for all funded projects to begin **w/c Monday 5th July 2021**.

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