



## Request for a Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Decision SECTION 1

Please identify who is requesting the decision:			
OPFCC Decision	Y	Decision Number:	PF 003 - 2025
CCFRA Decision	N	Decision Number:	CF
Constabulary Decision	N	Decision Number:	CC

(Please indicate whether this is a PART 1 or PART 2 decision (For Part 2 decisions, only the Section 1 is to be published))

PART 1 Decision:		PART 2 Decision:	✓
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**DECISION TITLE: Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Funding provision.**

### Executive Summary:

The OPFCC commission the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in a collaborative agreement with NHS England as the Co-ordinating Commissioner.  
The contract commenced 1st April 2022 for a period of 4 years ending 31st March 2027 without the option to extend.

The service provider is G4S Health Services (UK) limited.

Upon contract award G4S became the legal entity regarding ISO accreditation & registration.

The OPFCC is included in contract & performance meetings, decisions regarding CQUIN payments, notices, and Variations.

In April 2024 G4S provided notice for their termination of services with effect from 31st March 2025.

A Request For Information (RFI) to the market followed with two organisations registering an interest to tender for the service.

This process highlighted the current contract value would not be sufficient to deliver a 24-hour model and a move to a 12-hour SARC operating model with an increased financial envelope is required.

### Recommendation:

The Commissioner is asked to:

- Agree to move from a 24-hour SARC operating model to a 12-hour SARC operating model, with access to a 24/7 call center / telephone response which ensures every victim who contacts the SARC speaks to someone immediately.
- Make increased budgetary provision of £156,000 per annum towards the full cost of the financial envelope for the contract term 2025/26 to 2026/27 & for the optional years of 2027/28 to 2028/29 to be funded from the Bridgeway earmarked reserve. (4 years)
- Make budgetary provision towards the cost of initial ISO accreditation, estimated to be £52,000 to be funded from the Bridgeway earmarked reserve – (the percentage contribution has yet to be agreed with the preferred provider) for 2025/26
- Fund the OPFCC contribution to the SARC of £50,517 per year (£202,068 total) from the earmarked reserve.
- Make budgetary provision of £18,000 per annum towards ISO continued accreditation for years 2026/27 to 2028/29 – Total £54,000 to be funded from the Bridgeway earmarked reserve.
- Transfer financial responsibility for SARC services to the Constabulary effective from 2028/29

**Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I have considered whether I have any personal or prejudicial in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Cumbria Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. Any such interests are recorded below.

I hereby:

approve

~~do not approve~~

the recommendations as set out above.

Delete as appropriate:

Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner / Chief Executive (delete as appropriate)

Signature:



Date: 21 January 2025

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Each section below must be completed prior to submission to the Commissioner for decision.

### ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

I confirm that this report has been considered by the Commissioning Group / OPFCC Executive Team and that relevant financial, legal and equalities advice has been considered in the preparation of this report.

Signed: C J Laverack

Date: 15.11.2024

### CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL (where applicable)

Chief Constable / Chief Fire Officer (delete as appropriate)

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:

Date:

### OPFCC CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) / Chief Finance Officer (Deputy Chief Executive) (delete as appropriate)

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner / Chief Executive (delete as appropriate).

Signature:

Date:

### Media Strategy

The decision taken by the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner may require a press announcement or media strategy.

Will a press release be required following the decision being considered?

Yes

If yes, has a media strategy been formulated?

Comment by  
NHSE to alert  
change of  
provider only

Is the media strategy attached?

NO

What is the proposed date of the press release:

Following  
procurement &  
contract

	signature March 2025
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<p><b>Public Access to Information</b>  Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PFCC website within 5 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead in the Part 2 section of the form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would not compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.</p>	
Is the publication of this form to be deferred?	YES
Until what date (if known):	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<p>If yes, for what reason:  The information contained within this decision paper relates to a 'Live' Procurement exercise and is therefore confidential until such time that a preferred bidder is identified, and a contract has been finalised &amp; signed by commissioning parties &amp; the supplier.</p>	
If this is a Part 2 Decision, has the Part 2 element of this form been completed	YES