



**WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST**

**Reference: 2017- 132**

**Date of response 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

FOI Query

Thank you for your email dated the 22nd February 2017. In your email you asked;

**“Freedom of Information Request:** Women’s Aid Federation of England requests information regarding your commissioned services for survivors of domestic violence and abuse.

For each question apart from Question 7, please provide information broken down into the following categories:

- a) Your commissioned services for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse
  - b) Your commissioned services for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse
  - c) Your commissioned services which are for either women or men experiencing domestic violence and abuse
  - d) Your commissioned services for groups with specific needs such as BME women, disabled women, and LGBTQ survivors experiencing domestic violence and abuse
1. What is the value of your commissioned services, and has this amount increased or decreased since it was last commissioned?
  2. Which organisation or organisations currently hold the contract for your commissioned services? When are these services due to be recommissioned? Please include dates of when tender documents will be available.
  3. When your services were commissioned, was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Has your procurement team or legal advisors ensured that your decisions were compliant with both the EU Procurement Directive and the EU Directive on Victim’s Rights?
  4. How many expressions of interest did you receive and how many final bids did you receive?
  5. How much did the commissioning process cost you?
  6. Was the decision to commission your services made as part of a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy?
  7. Mapping of provision:

- a. Did you undertake mapping of service provision as part of the commissioning protect for domestic violence and abuse?
- b. If yes, please list details of the domestic violence service providers in your local authority that are NOT commissioned by the local authority following categories: (i) services for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse (ii) services for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse; (iii) women or men experiencing domestic violence and abuse (iv) BME women, disabled women, and LGBTQ survivors experiencing domestic violence and abuse”.

**Response.**

- a) We have no specific service solely for female victims of Domestic Abuse (DA).
- b) We have no specific service solely for male victims of Domestic Abuse.
- c) We commission Women’s Aid for an IDVA service across West Mercia. Victim Support have been commissioned to supply IAG service for standard risk DA victims/survivors. We have seconded a Women’s Aid specialist into the Victim Support call centre. We have also set up a non recourse to public funds programme too.
- d) We do not commission a specific service purely for BME women, disabled women, LGBTQ survivors.

1) Domestic Abuse related funding	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Womens Aid IDVA contract	£356,500	£356,500
Womens Aid Secondment and Relief Grant	£90,000	£90,000
Victim Support	£800,000	£800,000
NRPF	£10,000	£10,000
Total	£1,256,500	£1,256,500

2) Womens Aid – IDVA service (contract end date 2018) tender documents to be advised.  
 Womens Aid Secondment and Relief Grant (Grant end date 2018) tender documents to be advised.  
 Victim Support – Standard risk (contract end date 2019) tender documents to be advised.  
 NRPF (grant end date 2018) tender documents to be advised.

3) Yes, this was part of the standard proves and OJEU rules were followed for procurement.

4) We had 1 submission.

5) We created a framework agreement with a county council who were procuring their DA provision for the county at the same time. The commissioning costs were largely absorbed by the Authority as a result.

6) It was commissioned with reference to VAWG.


7) a. Mapping of the provision of IDVAs was carried out by the Office of the PCC.

7) b. Table below provides the number of agencies which provide support across West Mercia. We do not have a break down by gender split, BME, LGBTQ as requested.

### **Types of Support.**

<b>Type of Support</b>	<b>No. of Providers</b>
Advocacy	30
Child Protection Services	7
Compensation	11
Counselling	27
Court Appointment/support for attendance at court	13
Crisis/intervention	29
Emotional support	24
Financial support/advice	16
General information	26
Hospital accompaniment	2
Legal information	16
Mediation measures	9
Psychological assistance	12
Restorative justice	4
Safety planning	19
Self-help support groups	11
Shelters/transition homes	11
Victim/witness preparation	13
Other	42

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Campion". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

**John Campion**  
**Police & Crime Commissioner**  
West Mercia

### **Complaints**

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Chief Executive, OPCC – West Mercia, Hindlip Hall, Worcester, WR3 8SP

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