

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
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Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000908
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Commissioned Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse

Request:

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

In respect of your above request, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of this information as we do not provide commissioned services in relation to a), b) and d) above. Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to this, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can provide you with information relating to c) above which is shown on the following pages.

1. What is the value of your commissioned services, and has this amount increased or decreased since it was last commissioned?
The services commissioned by Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) have an annual value of £231,000 and have one year contracts. The value of the 2016/17 contract is the same as the value of the 2015/16 contract. The services commissioned by People directorate's commissioning team have an annual value of £727,126. This decreased during the period of the contract from £1,062,110 (with effect from 1 April 2014). The previous contracts that ended in December 2013 had a value of £1,268,017.
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.
The contracts for services commissioned by SWP are held by Wolverhampton Domestic Violence Forum. Re-commissioning is currently underway for replacement services to start on 1 April 2017. The contract for services commissioned by People directorate's commissioning team is held by The Haven Wolverhampton and is due to be recommissioned in 2017. It is expected that the tender documents will be available in Spring 2017.
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?
Equality analyses were completed for all commissioning activity and decisions were compliant.
4. How many expressions of interest did you receive and how many final bids did you receive?
SWP's tender received 17 expressions of interest. Two final bids were received. People directorate's commissioning team's tender received 26 expressions of interest. One final bid was received.
5. How much did the commissioning process cost your local authority?
In respect of question 5, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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6. Was the decision to commission your services made as part of a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy?
Yes

7. Mapping of provision:

a. Did you undertake mapping of service provision as part of the commissioning protect for domestic violence and abuse?

Yes

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

[Jericho Benedictine Society](#)

(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.