



## Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

### Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 04022016-1

#### Question

1. In the financial years 2013-2014, 2014-15 and 2015 - present, how many grants were awarded in which at least one of the outputs/outcomes was to provide services to victims of stalking? This could be any service to help victims e.g. counselling, information and advice, casework however the outcome must have specifically referred to working with victims of stalking.

1a. How many of these grants were towards work which was open to victims of stalking who were not being targeted by an ex-partner?

b) 2. What was the total monetary value of these grants?

c) 3. Which organisations were they awarded

#### Answer

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by this Department.

In the financial years 2013-2014, 2014-15 and 2015 – no grants were awarded by the Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission in which at least one of the outputs/outcomes was to provide services specifically to working with victims of stalking.

However the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner established Voice as a new service for victims and witnesses of crime on 1 October 2014. Voice's professional and tailored service is available to all victims and witnesses in Northamptonshire, regardless of crime type or whether your crime has been reported to the police. As well as providing emotional and practical support to victims of crime, Voice will support witnesses who have given a statement to the police and may need to give evidence in court through the criminal justice system.

Voice also offer specialist support to:

victims of antisocial behaviour who are persistently targeted or recognised as vulnerable

victims and their families affected by serious and fatal road traffic collisions

victims of interpersonal violence (this includes rape, domestic abuse, sexual violence, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, stalking, harassment, slavery, sexual exploitation, trafficking and sex-working)

Details of Voice can be found at:

<http://www.northantspcc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/PCC-Executive-Order-41.pdf>

and

<http://www.voicenorthants.org/support-services/interpersonal-violence-ipv-helpline/>

As part of this work, Voice have established a new specialist helpline for victims of rape, stalking, sexual abuse, female genital mutilation, harassment, historic sexual abuse, forced marriage, honour based violence and sex trafficking. Funding for the service has come via the Ministry of Justice after the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission successfully bid for money last year.

Northamptonshire Police's Information Unit may hold some of the information you are seeking. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to Ian Kelly, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Team Leader, Information Unit, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: John Neilson, Acting Chief Executive, Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, West Wing, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF