

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 637

### **Question 1a:**

I am interested in understanding the current and planned provision for supporting adults who were subject to sexual abuse as children.

Specifically I would like to know what funding and services you have in place to support these survivors overall.

### **Answer 1a:**

As the information is already published on the PCC's website then there is no obligation for the PCC's office to supply the information you have requested. The exemption applicable to this information is Section 21: Information reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute and class based exemption and as such does not require a harm and public interest test.

With the aim of assisting you further, PCC grants and contracts for victim services are listed on the PCC's website at: <http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Partnerships/Victim-Services.aspx>

This includes:

- Lighthouse Victim Care (victims of sexual violence and abuse receive support by virtue of being a priority victim under the Victims Code of Practice)
- Sexual Assault Referral Centre (NHS England is the lead commissioner)
- Independent Sexual Violence Advisors
- The Greenhouse service
- Southmead Project Service
- SARSAS
- West of England CSE Service

Additionally, local area grants are awarded, some of which contribute to sexual abuse services. Please see the PCC's website for more details at:

<http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Partnerships/Local-area-grants-and-commissioning.aspx> and

<http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Partnerships/Projects-supported-by-the-Fund.aspx>

For your information, please note that the PCC is not the only commissioner to fund services for victims of sexual abuse – others include the Ministry of Justice, Local Authorities, NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups. Specification 30 for SARCs gives some clarification regarding expectations regarding commissioning:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2016/02/serv-spec-30.pdf>

You may also find the Survivor Pathways website of interest at:

<http://www.survivorpathway.org.uk/>

**Question 1b:**

What funding and services you have in place for women and men specific requirements.

**Answer 1b:**

All of the above services funded by the PCC (except the SARSAS complex needs service) support both men and women.

**Question 2:** Additionally i would like to know what the above funding and services you are planning to introduce in the next two years.

**Answer 2:**

The information requested is not recorded. Please note that the scope of the Freedom of Information Act is limited to recorded information held at the time of the request. There is no requirement on an organisation to create new information in response to a request. Therefore, this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

Again, to assist you further, the PCC's 2017/2018 commissioning budget is in the process of being set following a decision at the Police and Crime Board:  
<http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/TERM-TWO/Decisions/2016-17/2016-024-2017-18-Commissioning-Budget.pdf>

The PCC is currently consulting on the commissioning plan for Child Sexual Exploitation Services:  
<http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Take-Part/Consultation-Draft-CSE-Commissioning-Plan.aspx>

The ISVA Service is a 3 + 1 year contract (which commenced in April 2015). All other services named above are awarded annual grants.