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Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI845

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 9th of July 2026.

Your request:

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would be grateful if you would provide answers to the following questions:

- Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?
- If yes: How much funding is provided?
- Is this funded via a particular funding stream?
- Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?

Our response:

1. Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?

Given the question refers to women we have excluded exploitation services for children from this response.

There is a breakdown of funding we provide for services on the [OPCC website](#). This includes:

- *Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA Service) – this includes specialist Street Sex Work Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (IDSVA) provision in Bristol funded by Bristol City Council. Safelink are the main provider and One25 deliver the specialist Street Sex Work IDSVA.*
- *The Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) provides medical, emotional and psychological support for anyone who has been sexual assaulted. The specification states that SARCs will ensure that staff are able to identify and respond to a number of additional crime types including sexual exploitation, (including coerced and survival consent and commercially, through sex work).*
- *Sexual Assault and Abuse (SAAS) Therapies - the specification states that providers will ensure that staff are able to identify and respond to a number of additional crime types*

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- *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) Support – provided by Unseen. The service works to identify and support victims of MSHT, including those being sexually exploited.*

2. If yes: How much funding is provided?

See link above for OPCC funding. The £50,103 from Bristol City Council towards the ISVA Service funds the specialist Street Sex Work Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (IDSVA) provision in Bristol.

3. Is this funded via a particular funding stream?

OPCC victim services are funded by local PCC funds as well as the victim services grant from the Ministry of Justice.

Please contact Bristol City Council for more information on the funding stream they use for the specialist Street Sex Work Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (IDSVA) provision in Bristol.

4. Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?

As above there is a dedicated post for this cohort within the ISVA services as well as broader provision.

If you are unhappy about how your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, then you should write to:

The Chief of Staff
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Valley Road
Portishead
Bristol
BS20 8JJ

Please note, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. The appeals document is attached for your reference.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://ico.org.uk/>.



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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners Office