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**FOI Request regarding:** Budget for commissioning VAWG services

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Q. What budget has your Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner set aside for the costs associated with commissioning Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services? This might include staff costs, legal costs, cost of market engagement events etc. Please supply the answer as total budget for the financial year 2018/19.

A. In order to provide a more nuanced and helpful response to your request, it may be useful if I explained the situation as regards the activity that the Office of the PCC (OPCC) is currently undertaking in respect of the commissioning of victim services.

The PCC employs a small team of six Policy and Research Officers (PRO) in the OPCC and provides considerable funding under the Commissioners Grant Scheme and Ministry of Justice Funding to a cross section of different organisations for the provision of victim services. It was recognised last year that commissioning of services, rather than grant funding, was a more preferable model going forward, due to the contractual arrangements that could be put in place and the medium term stability it provided for both the provider and user of those services.

As such, three of the PRO's have been engaged in this work as part of their business as usual (BAU) activity and a private company contracted to provide a comprehensive Victims Needs Analysis (VNA) report across a range of victims, including VAWG. The OPCC are now in receipt of that report and the PROs are collectively engaged in the process of determining the Service Specifications prior to going out to tender in the market place for those commissioned services.

In direct answer to your FOI request, the PCC has not budgeted for this activity for 2018/19 as it considered to be BAU for the PROs and no budget has been set aside for any other associated costs. The costs associated with the VNA were set aside in the previous year's budget and I presume are commercially sensitive.

I hope that this response has answered your FOI request. If not, please let me know and I will endeavour to provide the information you require in the spirit of open transparency.

You may be interested in the work the PCC has been engaged in during last year in respect of his support for victims AND his annual report 2017/18 provides a useful summary of the commitment and focus he places on such matters: -

<https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/key-information/our-publications/opcc-annual-report-2017-18-web-vfinal/>