

## Freedom of Information Request

are umbrella agencies supporting national networks of independent, specialist sexual violence organisations. are currently working on a joint piece of work detailing investment in sexual violence support services across England, and we are submitting requests under the Freedom of Information Act to every local authority and Police and Crime Commissioner to facilitate this research.

Please regard this request as a Freedom of Information Request made under the Freedom of Information Act. We draw your attention to obligations under the Local Government (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015 to publish information about all expenditure exceeding £500.

We would be grateful to receive all information you hold on and in relation to the following:

1. All contracts awarded through the commissioning of sexual violence/abuse services or sexual violence/abuse<sup>1</sup> related services in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. Please include the following details:
  - 1.1. Names of organisations awarded contracts
  - 1.2. Financial amounts awarded
  - 1.3. The duration of the contracts (including breakdown of amount awarded per year)

In relation to the above, please specify the category of the contracted services, i.e.:

- (i) advocacy, including independent sexual violence (ISVA) advice services
  - (ii) face to face services: counselling, emotional support, group support
  - (iii) forensic sexual assault services, including Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs).
2. Plans, strategies or other public documents that relate to spending and investment in sexual violence/abuse services or sexual violence/abuse related services.

We believe that the above satisfies the public interest test and does not constitute commercially sensitive data.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require further clarification about the information required.

Our contact details for this purpose are as follows:

Yours faithfully,

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<sup>1</sup> For this purposes of this request, we consider sexual violence to include: rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, rape within marriage/relationships, forced marriage, so-called honour-based violence, female genital mutilation, trafficking, sexual exploitation, and ritual abuse.