

PCC Decision Form

Subject matter	Name of Proposer (eg Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Date of Request	Previous related decisions
Contract Price Variation – Forensic Science Services	Director of Finance	28/03/2019	N/A

Private / Exemption - Yes / No If Yes Reason Why (eg Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, Freedom of Information Act 2000)	Urgent (if Yes, Why and by When?)
NO	Yes – Uplift in price following national strategy

Decision Requested

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to agree and sign a contract change note (attached) for the approval of increased price uplift on the current contract for Forensic Science Services.

Executive Summary of Request	Supporting Report attached?	YES
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The current contractor Eurofins formally LGC has provided Forensic Science Services to Yath and NE regional Forces since 2013. The contract was awarded for a 5 year period with an option to extend for a further 2 years, that was agreed in 2018.

The NPCC and FCN Commercial team have been working with all Forensic Service Providers following recent instability within the marketplace, in the delivery of contractual commitments Nationally.

A decision is respectfully requested to formally agree and put in place a 22.2% price increase in the affected areas of Drugs and Toxicology across the North East taking effect from 1st March 2019 as agreed at the North East Collaboration Board held on the 18th March 2019.

Regional Scientific Support Services and Procurement have successfully negotiated an increase to help stabilise the market in the short term. The uplift has been verified by NPCC FCN Commercial team to meet the national strategy.

The below table shows individual Force increases and anticipated spend for 2019 based on actual spend in 2018.

Force	% of Region (Drugs)	2018 Actual Spend (Drugs)	2019 (22.2%) Uplift (Drugs)	2019 Anticipated Total Spend (Drugs)	% of Region (Tox)	2018 Actual Spend (Tox)	2019 (22.2%) Uplift (Tox)	2019 Anticipated Total Spend (Tox)	2019 Total Uplift (Drugs & Tox)	2019 Anticipated Total Spend (Drugs & Tox)
Cleveland	7%	£ 66,794.57	£ 14,828.39	£ 81,622.96	19%	£ 169,383.61	£ 37,639.16	£ 206,386.77	£ 52,481.56	£ 261,609.74
Durham	3%	£ 33,910.98	£ 7,528.23	£ 41,439.19	12%	£ 135,168.23	£ 30,027.35	£ 165,175.58	£ 37,985.58	£ 204,614.77
Humberside	13%	£ 65,251.45	£ 14,467.89	£ 79,719.34	4%	£ 49,824.97	£ 11,029.14	£ 60,854.11	£ 32,184.94	£ 92,773.26
WYP	8%	£ 77,153.42	£ 17,128.26	£ 94,281.68	20%	£ 121,938.27	£ 27,053.64	£ 148,971.90	£ 44,191.69	£ 193,253.38
Northumbria	10%	£ 100,776.38	£ 22,377.35	£ 123,153.73	14%	£ 156,812.12	£ 34,812.31	£ 191,524.50	£ 57,184.65	£ 248,773.18
SYP	13%	£ 150,515.52	£ 33,173.64	£ 183,689.16	11%	£ 134,892.54	£ 29,725.75	£ 164,618.29	£ 57,594.43	£ 222,292.72
WYP	43%	£ 420,641.42	£ 93,481.24	£ 514,122.66	19%	£ 262,891.78	£ 58,054.15	£ 320,945.93	£ 158,493.41	£ 479,439.34
TOTAL	100%	£ 976,646.88	£ 216,826.71	£ 1,193,473.59	100%	£ 1,094,976.99	£ 223,105.56	£ 1,318,082.54	£ 419,962.26	£ 1,738,044.80

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Inevitably fluctuations in crime, service demand and products used under this agreement on a force-by-force basis will result in the figure of £439,932.13 varying in 2019. It is unlikely to remain at the same level therefore increasing or decrease subject to service demand.

A signed contract variation / change (attached) is requested in accordance with the terms and conditions.

Consultation has been undertaken with Director of Regional Scientific Support Services, Procurement, FCN Commercial, North East representatives and the service provider Eurofins.

Approval by proposer (SLG lead / OPCC SMG lead) and confirmation request is ready for PCC consideration

Signed:



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Considerations	Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted	How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposal?
Public and / or Partners		
Impact on Service		
Financial		
Legal		
HR		
T/Unions / Staff Assoc.		
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)		
Risks / Opportunities		
Sustainability		
Other (specify)		

Views of PCC's Chief Finance & Commissioning Officer	
<p>I have been consulted about this proposal and support it. The additional £67k was not initially built in to the 2019/20 budget, but [redacted] has identified a budget virement that can be made to fund this.</p>	
Signature:	[redacted]
Date:	14.5.19

Views of PCC's Chief Executive & Solicitor	
<p>I have been consulted about this proposal and on the basis of the budget being found, recommend approval. Will raise the wider issue of fluctuations, and other issues, with the PCC re: the forewarn marketplace.</p>	

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Signature:	[Redacted]	Date:	15/5/19
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PCC's Decision and Rationale

Approved as above

Signature:	[Redacted]	Date:	16-05-2019
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OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)

Decision Ref. No	PAB Minute No: (where applicable)	Date Proposer notified of Decision	Date Published