

**Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/052**

**Subject: Women's organisations supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)**

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Please provide the following information for the last three financial years: 2022–2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025 (to date):	
<p>1. Has your ICB provided funding to any women's organisations supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) – including but not limited to domestic abuse, sexual assault? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB has not directly commissioned any services from providers supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) within the 3 year period specified.</p> <p>From 1st April 2023, BNSSG ICB have co-commissioned a Sexual Assault and Abuse Therapies Service with other partners across the Avon &amp; Somerset area. The annual value of the BNSSG funding is £142,185 and the lead commissioning organisation is NHS England Health and Justice team. Please contact them directly for further details of these services; <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/</a></p> <p>During the contract year 2022-23, BNSSG ICB did not commission any services supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG). Two providers were commissioned to deliver counselling/support for survivors of rape/sexual assault; however, these services were available to all genders and not specifically restricted to women and girls. These providers were:</p> <p><b>The Greenhouse – annual contract value £78,114</b></p>

Service worked with victims of sexual abuse and rape, aged 18+, to deliver up to 24 sessions of specialist trauma informed, integrative counselling. The sessions were delivered by experienced counsellors and psychotherapists, and the aim was to improve health, wellbeing and resilience. Following clinical assessment and triage, those using the service would be offered weekly, face to face sessions. Service users could also be signposted to other sources of support such as support groups, addiction recovery etc, if it was thought that this would be beneficial to them.

**Somerset and Avon Rape and Sexual Abuse Support (SARSAS)  
– annual contract value £403,000**

This service supported survivors of rape and serious sexual assault, offering therapeutic interventions and counselling to adults (aged 18+) who had experienced rape and serious sexual assault within the last 12 months and also children, regardless of when the abuse took place. Interventions were to be trauma informed and include individual and/or group work where clinically indicated. Following assessment, individuals would be referred into the most appropriate model of intervention and support and where indicated, support for families and friends could also be included.

BNSSG ICB's Children's Community Health Partnership (CCHP) contract includes the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Sirona care and health CiC are the contract holder for the CCHP contract and sub-contract delivery of CAMHS to AWP (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust). This is a block contract.

CAMHS provides support for trauma and adverse child experiences, which would support mental health and wellbeing through complex

	<p>trauma's such as domestic and sexual abuse. An overview of provision is detailed in the following link:  <a href="https://www.awp.nhs.uk/camhs/conditions/trauma-and-adverse-child-experiences">https://www.awp.nhs.uk/camhs/conditions/trauma-and-adverse-child-experiences</a></p>
<p>2. Has your ICB provided funding to any VAWG organisation led by and for Black and minoritised women? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.</p>	<p>Please see response to question 1.</p>
<p>3. Has your ICB collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022? If yes, describe the nature of collaboration.</p>	<p>Please see response to question 1.</p>
<p>4. Please confirm whether any engagement or commissioning of VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women is planned.</p>	<p>Please refer to question 1 response for contact information (link provided).</p>
<p>5. Has NHS Women's Health Hub funding been used to support VAWG services in your ICB area? If yes, please specify how.</p>	<p>We have used some of the funding to provide trauma-informed practice training to some professionals who provide women's health – mainly GP staff, Gynaecology staff, Sexual and Reproductive Health staff and midwives.</p>
<p>6. Has your ICB conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services since 2022? If yes, please provide the relevant documents.</p>	<p>Please refer to question 1 response for contact information (link provided).</p>

7. What monitoring or evaluation processes are in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women?	Please refer to question 1 response for contact information (link provided).
8. Please provide any guidance documents or commissioning strategies used by the ICB when making funding decisions related to VAWG.	Please refer to question 1 response for contact information (link).

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 9 June 2025 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business, Strategy and Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***