



OPCC Record of Decision

A grant of £8600 to contribute towards the delivery of frontline support services for the Torbay Ladies Lounge

Decision Record prepared by	
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Role:	Commissioning and Partnerships officers
Date of Decision:	11.06.2026

1. Background

Torbay ladies lounge provides a safe welcoming and inclusive community space for women across Torbay who are experiencing social isolation, poor mental health, domestic abuse, bereavement, financial hardship, and other complex life challenges.

The service provides early intervention, peer support, and practical assistance, helping women improve their well-being and reducing reliance on statutory services.

The service is delivered primarily by a dedicated team of trained volunteers, supported by two professional support services staff.

The staff provide 1 to 1 support, complete referrals, liaise with partner agencies, and assist women with housing, benefits, employment, family support, housing, court attendance, and access to specialist services.

The organisation also works closely with statutory and voluntary sector partners to ensure women receive coordinated and appropriate support.

Demand for the service continues to increase, with referrals received from GP practices, children's services, the Police, Probation, the NHS, local churches, and through self referral. Alongside weekly support sessions, the organisation provides ongoing support between sessions, volunteer supervision, safeguarding, signposting, partnership working, and capacity building.

This enables women to access timely support and helps prevent issues from escalating into more complex needs.

A one off grant will contribute towards the delivery of frontline support service required to sustain the service. The funding will enable Torbay ladies lounge to continue supporting vulnerable women, strengthen community resilience, and maintain an established preventative service that delivers positive outcomes for women across Torbay.



2. Decision Record

- 2.1 To issue a grant of £8600 to contribute towards of frontline support services.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

Not required

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice

4.1 Legal, Management, Equality and GDPR Implications – Current and Future

The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that the arrangements set out in the proposal meet the requirements of the relevant legislation and the needs of the organisation.

The PCC's CEO and Monitoring Officer have advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that, from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial, equality or GDPR implications arising from the proposal.

EDHR obligations have been considered when taking this decision and, on this occasion, it is not necessary to complete an Equality Impact Assessment. The decision will not impact on human resources, equality or diversity obligations.

4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future

The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the arrangements are consistent with good governance and ensuring value for money.

8 Supporting documents:

- 8.1 None

9 Official approval

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The Recommendation for Decision as outlined in this report is formally approved and subject to Freedom of Information Classification will be published on the OPCC website:

Police and Crime Commissioner

[Signature]

Signed
Print: ALISON HERNANDEZ
Date: 6/7/2026

**Governance Signature by
Monitoring Officer**

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Signed:
Print: FRANCES HUGHES
Date: 06/07/2026

Equality Impact Assessment attached [Tick if completed]	N/A
Data Protection Impact Assessment attached [Tick if completed]	N/A
Decision logged in register? [Tick if completed]	Yes
Decision published on OPCC website? [Tick if completed]	TBC

