

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2026-27-015

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

1. Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?
2. If yes:
 - a. How much funding is provided?
 - b. Is this funded via a particular funding stream?
 - c. Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

1. Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?

No. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does not commission or fund services that are specifically targeted at individuals involved in the sex industry or those who have experienced sexual exploitation.

The OPCC does, however, jointly fund STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services) and the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). These services are available to all eligible service users, including individuals involved in the sex industry and those who have experienced sexual exploitation. Access can be through self-referral or referral from a supporting agency.

2. If yes:

As the OPCC does not commission a service specifically for women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, questions 2(a) and 2(b) are not applicable.

a. How much funding is provided?

Not applicable

b. Is this funded via a particular funding stream?

Not applicable

c. Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?

The funding relates to wider services. The OPCC jointly funds STARS and the SARC, which provide support to a broad range of services users, including those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry. The funding is not specifically allocated