



Wendy Stephenson, Chief Executive
Voscur
Create Centre
Smeaton Road
Bristol
BS1 6XN

3rd December, 2009

Dear Wendy,

RE: Contracting with Safer Bristol - WISH

Thank you for your letter dated the 16th November 2009.

I can confirm that WISH has been selected as a Preferred Provider to deliver domestic violence and abuse (DVA) services across Bristol on behalf of Safer Bristol. Safer Bristol is leading the joint commissioning of DVA services bringing together agencies including Bristol City Council, Primary Care Trust and the Police. Joint commissioning will enable better and more efficient use of resources and will allow for more services to be commissioned across Bristol through the pooling of resources.

Before any existing services can be re-commissioned or new service specifications released the City Council's procurement processes need to be followed. The Preferred Provider process has been adhered to considering a number of factors including financial risks.

Further to Safer Bristol receiving several queries from agencies regarding their specified financial limits, Safer Bristol set up an appeals process for all selected preferred providers. With regard to WISH, their financial limit has been increased to £95k. This limit relates to each advertised service specification. This will enable WISH to continue to deliver their existing DVA service in the next financial year as well as bidding for future commissions.

I am confident that the procurement process being adhered to does not restrict small community based organisations and is Compact compliant.

Yours sincerely,

Brian McCutcheon
Chair of Safer Bristol Partnership

Working for a Safer Bristol

Princess House, Princess Street,
Bedminster, Bristol BS3 4AG
Ph: (0117) 914 2222 Fax: (0117) 914 2223
www.saferbristol.org.uk
