

<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Classification of Paper:</b> Not Protectively Marked
<b>Report to PCC</b>	<b>Report reference number</b> PCC/ 0061/14
<b>Date of Decision</b> 24 July 2014	<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b> Countywide
<b>Title of report</b> PCC Victims Capacity Building Fund – Develop the capacity of specialist sexual violence services across Essex (MoJ competed bid)	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £276,671 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Victims Capacity Building Fund to South Essex Rape & Incest Crisis Centre (SERICC), Victims Support, Essex Police & Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA), whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the Victims Capacity Building Fund grant to develop the capacity of specialist sexual violence services across Essex.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 This is a joint project between specialist sexual violence service providers and Essex Police. The project will:
- Provide consistency of provision across south Essex, including boosting counselling and safeguarding services and introducing counsellors for young people and women with additional vulnerabilities
  - Support and establish the 'new and emerging' MoJ-funded centre in Southend, with a minimal helpline and 1:1 counselling
  - Expand general advocacy and practitioner support in the North East of the county, in response to known needs and waiting lists
  - Provide early support and advocacy for young people more generally across Essex, and strengthen existing Independent Sexual Violence

Advisor (ISVA) support for those going through the CJS with an emphasis on male victims

- Introduce a single point of contact for Sexual Offence Investigation Teams for referrals to ISVA services, developing a consistent approach, clearer process, help define and redefine pathways and follow up on victims' experience

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 An application was made by the PCC to the Ministry of Justice's Competed Fund to develop capacity for sexual violence services. Essex was successful in attracting this additional investment from the Ministry of Justice and will pass-port this funding to service delivery agencies specified in the table below:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Value</b>
SERICC	£97,531.50
SERICC (on behalf of Southend-on-Sea Rape Crisis (SoSRC))	£67,716.50
Victim Support	£35,000.00
CARA	£41,423.00
Essex Police	£35,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£276,671.00</b>

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

- 5.1 This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:
- Supporting our victims of crime
  - Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

- 6.1 There are no operational implications

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The PCC would fund a £276,671 contribution to the organisations listed in the table above.

#### **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement

#### **9. Staffing and other resource implications**


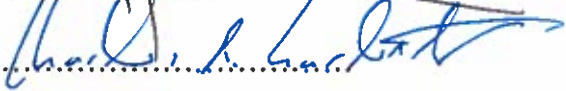
- 9.1 There are no staffing issues

#### **10. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 10.1 There are no D&E implications

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O .....   
Chief Financial Officer .....   
PCC Legal Advisor ..... (As necessary)

**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report

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**PCC/Deputy PCC**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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**Publication**

**Reasons for non-publication** (*state 'None' if applicable*)

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