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<b>Title of report</b> PCC Victims Fund – SafeLives DA Perpetrator research project	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £60,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Victims Fund to SafeLives for a research and development pilot project on the impact of domestic abuse perpetrator programmes.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the Victims' grant to expand and extend the existing mental health triage pilot in Essex, Southend & Thurrock.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1. The 60K funding, from the victims commissioning fund 14/15, will support the development and delivery of the pilot perpetrator programme.
- 3.2. The new model will provide a holistic service with a range of support. Perpetrators' needs – including the addressing of their abusive behaviour – will be supported in a coordinated and collaborative way. By bringing together a range of interventions alongside behaviour change support we hope to address the root cause of domestic abuse with a view to reducing the number of incidents and victims.
- 3.3. Essex County Council has committed resources to supporting the programme in 15/16. The pilots will be monitored and evaluated throughout their operation to ensure an evidence base of what works is developed, ensuring appropriate decisions can be taken around long-term funding.

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

4.1 The DA Strategic Board has established one of its outcome measures as 'Perpetrators are prevented from causing physical and emotional harm'. A multiagency perpetrator working group, linked to Essex CJB, is in place to support delivery against this outcome.

4.2 The Perpetrator working group commissioned a review to scope what programmes were currently available across Essex, the evidence base, what national and internal good practice looked like, with recommendations for next steps. The report showed that the current level of provision of perpetrator programmes in Essex is very low, with agencies such as police and social care struggling to refer to appropriate services. There are also significant funding gaps. This report then led to discussions with CAADA and Social Finance, through the national incubator programme, to consider working in partnership to develop perpetrator programmes, using a mix of local and external funding.

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

5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Reducing hidden harm
- Improving crime prevention
- Supporting Victims of Crime
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

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

6.1 No operational implications

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

7.1 The PCC would fund a £60,000 contribution to SafeLives.

#### **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 equality and diversity implications



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