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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0089/15
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Title of report PCC Victims Fund –Needs and Service Analysis to Support the Hidden Harm West Essex Pathfinder	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £24,575 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Victims Fund to TONIC, 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 2015-16 victims' commissioning fund grant to TONIC for the delivery of a Needs and Service Analysis to support the West Essex Hidden Harm Pathfinder

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This service will provide the following benefits to Essex OPCC and partners involved in the Pathfinder:
- Insights and understanding about the nature and level of the range of 'hidden harms' for those at risk of harm and those who have experienced harm in the west of the county (Uttlesford, Harlow and Epping Forest)
 - Descriptions of how people come into contact with statutory and CVS Services, in what situations and what the likely response is in terms of the ability to spot the signs and symptoms and provide support, with consideration of hard to reach communities, geographical variances, cultural considerations and people with additional vulnerabilities
 - Help identify gaps in responses and service provision, and missed opportunities, including any service threshold, systemic and geographic

issues and recommend practical priority actions for the Planning Group to consider adopting as part of the Pathfinder

- Inform wider roll out of resulting initiatives across the whole of Essex, Southend and Thurrock

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. A Roundtable event was held in West Essex chaired by the PCC and CEO of West Essex CCG to discuss what could be done in partnership to identify and provide support to victims of hidden harms.
- 4.2. It was agreed to set up a Pathfinder Project in the west of the county and a Planning Group was formed to progress and manage the work.
- 4.3. The Planning Group developed a specification for research and analysis into the needs and services in West Essex, with members suggesting individuals and organisations who they thought may be able to undertake such work.
- 4.4. These organisations were approached and invited to bid. There were two responses, which four members of the Planning Group evaluated. TONIC were considered to offer the best approach to provide this service.

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
 - Reducing Hidden Harm
 - 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 £24,575 contribution to TONIC

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

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