Report to PCC

Date of Decision
23 November 2015

Area of County/Stakeholders affected
Colchester & Tendring

Title of report
PCC CSF 2016-17 – SafeLives ‘Drive’ (DA) perpetrator programme

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1. **Purpose of report**
   1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £765,000 over the next 3 years from the PCC’s Community Safety Fund to SafeLives for the development and piloting of the Essex ‘Drive’ (domestic abuse) perpetrator programme.

2. **Recommendations**
   2.1. Approve the arrangement for SafeLives to develop and deliver the pilot Essex ‘Drive’ (DA) perpetrator programme over the next 3 years.
   2.2. Approve the initial allocation of £200,000 from the PCC’s 2016-17 Community Safety Fund

3. **Benefits of Proposal**
   3.1. The *Drive* Project will tackle the behaviour of priority perpetrators of domestic abuse through a whole system response. The pilot phase is being delivered by SafeLives, Respect and Social Finance with three Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales.

   3.2. The pilot will focus on perpetrators whose victims are referred to MARAC, as this group carries the greatest risk of serious harm and have a profile of poor engagement in available services. The *Drive* Project will work with everyone; there will be no exclusions or qualifying characteristics. Obtaining meaningful engagement from this client group will be difficult so we intend to tackle this alongside offering positive support.

   3.3. Many perpetrators have a range of additional needs: SafeLives analysis found 59% had alcohol and/or substance misuse issues, and 37% had mental health issues. The service will address these issues holistically, alongside
addressing abusive behaviour. For example, Drive Case Managers will prepare service users for engagement in substance misuse, monitoring and supporting attendance. This will join up existing services, producing a coordinated response to generate better outcomes.

3.4. In Essex the Drive project will focus on Colchester & Tendring MARAC as a pilot phase to test the concept with the opportunity to extend at a later stage.

4. Background and proposal
4.1. The investment in this programme supports the long-term objectives of the Essex partnership domestic abuse strategy, and match-funding is anticipated to be provided by partners including Essex County Council (the initial investment in this pilot was made in 2014-15 (see PCC decision PCC/0029/15) and was split 50:50 between Essex County Council & OPCC for Essex.

4.2. In addition to public sector contributions, this project is also match-funded by Social Finance. The total value of philanthropic match-funding for the Drive project in Essex is £516,000 over 3 years.

4.3. Anticipated annual pricing breakdown for Essex Drive project;

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This grant funding is formalised via a funding agreement that gives Essex OPCC the ability to terminate the grant with one months’ notice.

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 No operational implications.

7. Financial Implications
7.1 The PCC and other local partners will provide SafeLives with a grant of £765,000 over the next three years with an initial investment of £268,000 in 2016-17.
8. Legal Implications
8.1 The award of this grant is formalised in a separate 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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Signed/Print name

Report for publication  YES ☐

NO ☐

If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.