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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0008/16
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Title of report PCC Victims Fund – Catch22 Young Victims' Pathfinder	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £45,000 from the PCC's Victim's Fund to Catch22 for the delivery of an assessment and recovery process for young people affected by crime.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the decision to support Catch22's bid for a Young Victims' Pathfinder project aimed at supporting young victims of crime to cope and recover from their experience.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. Catch22 will deliver a support service that offers individual assessment of young people affected by crime in order to identify a positive pathway to recovery. An initial assessment will be undertaken with the young person to clarify the impact of their experiences as a victim on them, and to identify further support needs. Ongoing support will then be provided focused on the issues identified in the assessment, specifically linked to their experience as a victim and future safety planning.
- 3.2. The service will offer 1:1 support to 8–10 young people per quarter, reaching 32 to 40 young people over the period of a year. Each intervention will be delivered up to a maximum of 12 weeks, unless specific circumstances deem a longer term is required, such as supporting a victim through a restorative justice process. There will be 4 groups delivered over the year with 6–8 young people per group. The focus of each group will be directed by the needs of the respective group members.

3.3. Young victims will be made aware of the range of support services available, including highlighting the Essex Victim Gateway which provides localised information about services. Liaison with a diverse range of services including counselling, mental health, substance misuse, domestic abuse, will ensure that the project facilitates engagement with services which have been identified as appropriate to support their recovery and promote their well-being.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. The pilot would be focussed in the South of Essex an area in which Catch22 deliver existing services. There are established links with local services and ongoing bespoke services being delivered in several schools in the area. These existing relationships will facilitate the pilot being promoted in this area.

4.2. This work is commissioned as a Pathfinder project to follow-up on research commissioned by the PCC last year to identify the needs of young victims of crime.

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 will allocate £45,000 to Catch22 from the 2015-16 Victims Fund.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 No legal implications

9. Staffing and other resource implications

9.1 No staffing implications.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 No E&D implications.

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