

<b>Approved By:</b> Lindsay Whitehouse, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner	<b>Classification of Paper:</b> Not Protectively Marked
<b>Report to PCC</b>	<b>Report reference number</b> PCC/0047/16
<b>Date of Report</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b> Countywide
<b>Title of report</b> PCC CSDF – Barnardo’s ‘Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment’ Programme.	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for an allocation of £17,695 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Barnardo’s 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 CSDF grant to Barnardo’s to deliver their ‘Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment’ (CAPI) programme.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

The project aims to;

- Reduce the risk of young girls becoming young offenders and part of the offending cycle which can lead onto potential community or custodial sentences.
- increase young girls personal resilience by raising their confidence and self-esteem to enable them to make better choices when faced with potential ‘risky’ behaviours.
- empower young girls ability to say ‘no’ and reflect on the consequences of their actions even if they are already on the offending pathway.
- address issues young girls face around drugs, alcohol, gang culture, anti-social behaviour and their social IT/carbon footprints.
- equip young girls with the necessary tools to make more positive choices and raise their aspirations to enable them to have the strength to be autonomous and value themselves as a member of their community.

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 The Barnardo’s CAPI service in Essex provides information and advice to professionals and support to children, young people and their families affected

by imprisonment. The programme has a multi-agency collaborative approach and works alongside agencies including Schools, YOT's, Voluntary sector, Police and Probation Service.

4.2 There are five key elements to the CAPI program, being;

- Partnership working with local prison and detainee establishments to offer advice to prisoners/detainees and their families through induction talks and family visits. Prisoners/ detainees can discuss support for their families in the community.
- provision of 'Hidden Sentence' training to professionals around the criminal justice system, the effects on children and young people when having a family member in prison and local and national support services.
- management of a multi-agency steering group for professionals where we review and discuss the CAPI service, share issues and data and provide opportunities to develop joint projects.
- development of a referral pathway for support services across Essex by way of partnership working with Children's Centre's, Family Solutions, Health, Social Care and other agencies to provide home based support to families in the community and one to one support for school age children and young people within schools.
- partnership working with other agencies to provide group based activities within schools

4.3 The programme will be delivered on a countywide basis and benefits from some match funding from Barnardo's.

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

Supports the following priorities in the Essex Police and Crime Plan;

- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- reducing hidden harm
- reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
- tackling the consequences of alcohol / drugs abuse and mental health issues
- increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

## 6. **Police Operational Implications**

6.1 There are no operational implications.

## 7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £17,695 contribution to Barnardo's.

## 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 implications.

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

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implication.

**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 ..... *C. Kelly Deputy Mayor*  
Chief Financial Officer ..... *Greg Morrison*  
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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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.