

## PCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 0030/17
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Street Triage continuation
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b>  Countywide
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- 1. Purpose of report**  
To seek approval for the allocation of £18,715 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2016-17 Community Safety Fund (CSF) to Essex Police
- 2. Recommendations**  
Approve the allocation of £18,715 from the 2016-17 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police
- 3. Benefits of Proposal**  
Street Triage results in a reduction in detentions under Section 136 Mental Health Act. These represent a significant demand for Essex Police; every detention takes on average approximately 5 hours for two officers to deal with. Street Triage also improves outcomes for those with experiencing a mental health crisis by avoiding detention and signposting them to more appropriate, specialist support.
- 4. Background and proposal**

Street Triage refers to a scheme where a Mental Health Professional (MHP) joins a Police Officer on patrol. They respond to incidents where a person is experiencing a mental health crisis and is in need of urgent support and intervention. This joint working enables the MHP to directly assess such individuals and access any records held on them. The MHP will then discuss with the Police Officer as to what action should be taken. The MHP can also make referrals as required to support the person in crisis. The aim is to help inform the decision making of Police Officers, improve the outcome for the patient and prevent unnecessary police interventions. The most notable is a detention under section 136 Mental Health Act (MHA) where other appropriate options are available.

Since April 2015 there have been 2 Street Triage cars in Essex, operating 7 days a week between the hours of 18:00 – 02:00. One car covers the North of the County and the other the South of the County. MHPs are provided by North Essex Partnership Trust (NEP) in the North and South Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) in the South. They are funded by their respective Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). From 2018-19, Street Triage will be amalgamated into a larger health and justice contract meaning there will no longer be a need for annual grants

This project benefits from 50% match-funding from the Essex Police Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Fund.

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

This project will support delivery against the priority to protect vulnerable people from harm

**6. Police Operational Implications**

Essex Police will recruit and employ a Street Triage co-ordinator.

**7. Financial Implications**

The £18,715 funding from the PCC will be funded from the Community Safety Fund budget for 2016/17

**8. Legal Implications**

The funding will be subject to the PCC's grant funding agreement

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

Essex Police will recruit and employ the co-ordinator. Liabilities associated with the recruitment and employment will rest with Essex Police.

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

There are no direct equality and diversity implications

**11. Background papers**



Essex Street Triage  
evaluation 2015.pdf

**Report Approval**


The report will be signed off by the OPCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PCC / DPCC

Chief Executive/M.O                      Sign: .....  .....  
Print: ..... S. Hancock .....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer      Sign: .....  .....  
Print: ..... CHARLES A. GARRETT .....

**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: .....  .....  
Print: ..... JAMES GARZONE .....

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: 13 March 2017

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....  
Print: .....

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed:

**Publication**

Report for publication

YES

NO

**Reasons for non-publication (state 'None' if applicable)**

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