

PCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Health and Justice commissioning
Area of County/Stakeholders affected Countywide
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- 1. Purpose of report**
To approve the proposed approach of integrating the Police forensic medical custody service within a wider health and justice service incorporating liaison and diversion and street triage.
- 2. Recommendations**
Approve the proposal to integrate the custody forensic medical examiner service with the new health and justice service, and to approve in principal the decision to allocate the £1.5m per annum budget to a pooled budget of local commissioners to finance the new integrated service.
- 3. Benefits of Proposal**
The proposed new health and justice service is a localised, integrated service that has the potential to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for individuals engaged with the Criminal Justice System and reduce re-offending. By integrating complimentary services such as liaison and diversion, street triage and custody FME there is also potential for savings as a result of economies of scale and service efficiencies.

4. Background and proposal

The provision of Police custody forensic medical services is the responsibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The current service in Essex costs around £1.5m per annum. This funding will be transferred to a pooled budget held by Essex County Council on behalf of the local health and justice commissioning group made up of representatives from NHS England, Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups, the three upper-tier Local Authorities, and the PCC.

This proposed approach has been endorsed by the Essex Criminal Justice Board, Essex Health and Wellbeing Board, Essex Reducing Reoffending Board and the Chief Constable. It is also being observed by national government as a pilot of new ways of delivering health and justice services.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This grant ensures that children and vulnerable people will be protected from harm and will reduce re-offending. This approach also evidences collaboration and effective partnership working between local commissioners.

6. Police Operational Implications

This proposal should improve the alignment of existing services and increase the efficiency of these services which will save officer time and reduce demand on the Police.

7. Financial Implications

A formal decision sheet for the allocation of the PCC's £1.5m forensic medical custody service will be presented once the procurement phase of this work is complete.

8. Legal Implications

The joint commissioning group is formalised by a partnership agreement signed by each commissioning organisation.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

Employment of staff will be the responsibility of the delivery partner. No staffing liabilities will be placed on the PCC as a result of this proposal.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no direct equality and diversity implications

11. Background papers



Health & Justice
ECJB briefing.docx

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: *[Signature]*

Print: *S. Hancock*

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *CHARLES A. LAWRENCE*

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *R.C. Hirst*

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: *11/5/17*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

Print:

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed:

