

PCC Decision Report

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Title of report: PCC Victims' Fund – Catch22 young victims' service (extension)
Area of County/Stakeholders affected Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the allocation of £33,242 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2017-18 Victims' Fund to Catch22

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve payment of £33,242 to Catch22 for a 9-month extension to the young victims' service.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The young victims' service offers individual assessment of young people affected by crime in order to identify a positive pathway to recovery. An initial assessment is 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 can 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. This pilot was commissioned following a research project that identified unmet needs for young victims of crime. The service provides direct support to young people, increases victim awareness, and will be used to inform future commissioning of victims' services across Essex

3.3. The service aims to offer 1:1 support to 8–10 young people per quarter, reaching 24-30 young people over the period of 9 months. 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. In addition, a small number of groups will be delivered with 6–8 young people per group. The focus of each group will be directed by the needs of the respective group members.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. The initial pilot phase of the service commenced in July 2017 for a period of 12-months. This extension will ensure sufficient time for the project to build an evidence base of impact, and will bring it in line with timescales for our other victim commissioning activity.

4.2. Early feedback from the first 6 months of the project show 25 referrals have been received for 1:1 support with 3 young people supported to re-engage with education. In addition, 796 young people have been engaged in victim awareness sessions, with the majority reporting improvements in their understanding of how to access support, feeling comfortable reporting crime, and understanding the impact of being a victim of crime. This extension satisfies the PCC's statutory requirement to make appropriate services available to all victims of crime.

5. Police and Crime Plan

5.1 In addition to ensuring victims are placed at the heart of what we do, this project supports the Police and crime plan by protecting children and vulnerable people from harm.

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC will fund £33,242 from the 2017-18 Victims' Commissioning Fund. There are no ongoing commitments on the PCC arising from this grant

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 The resourcing of the young victim service is provided by Catch22. Any liabilities related to the recruitment and employment of staff delivering the service is the responsibility of Catch22.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 There are no direct equality and diversity implications

11. Background papers



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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 K GAMMERT*

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *C. Hulst*

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: *11/5/17*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed:

Publication

Report for publication

YES

NO

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

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