

## PCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 0060/17
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> SARC ABE suite
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b>  Essex
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- 1. Purpose of report**  
To approve the allocation of a grant from the 2017-18 Victims Fund to Mountain Healthcare for the provision of Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) suite within the Essex Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
- 2. Recommendations**  
Approve the allocation of £1,500 to Mountain Healthcare for the provision of an ABE suite
- 3. Benefits of Proposal**  
The aims of this grant funding are;
  - To provide a bespoke Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) suite for Children who have been victim to Sexual Assault.Specifically the funding will pay for
  - The transformation of a disused monitoring room into the new ABE suite for children by plaster boarding over an existing window/desk area to make a create a soundproofed and secure office

**4. Background and proposal**

The Essex SARC contract is currently delivered by Mountain Healthcare services. The Essex SARC is a safe and confidential specialist centre providing services which support victims of sexual assault to minimise the long term emotional and physical impacts

Essex Police have funded Specialist Child interview courses which have taken place in Brighton. Following this best practice suggested a need for a dedicated children's interview room to enhance resources and services for children

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

This grant ensures that victims are given the chance to cope and recover from their experience, and have the support needed to engage in the criminal justice system, where appropriate.

This grant will ensure that vulnerable adults and children are protected from harm and may help to break the cycle of domestic abuse.

**6. Police Operational Implications**

This grant will support and assist Essex Police to collect best evidence to allow the best chance for a successful conviction.

**7. Financial Implications**

£1,500 will be allocated to Mountain Healthcare from the PCC's 2017-18 victims' commissioning fund.

**8. Legal Implications**

This funding will be subject to the terms of the PCC's standard grant agreement

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

There are no staffing or resource implications

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

There are no direct equality and diversity implications

**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 .

AD for Commissioning

Sign: .....  .....

Print: ..... G. Myddelton .....

**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: .....  .....

Print: ..... R. Christ .....

**PCC/Deputy PCC**

Date signed: 5/6/17

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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