

PCC Decision Report

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<p>Report reference number: PCC/084/17 <i>(Please contact OPCC for reference number)</i></p> <p>Classification (e.g. Not protectively marked/restricted): Not Protectively Marked</p>
<p>Title of report: Aspire Academy Restorative Techniques project</p>
<p>Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Aspire Academy / Harlow District</p>
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- 1. Purpose of report**
 - 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £1,750 to commission the Restorative Engagement Forum to spend 2 weeks in Aspire Academy with Essex Police and the Essex Restorative and Mediation Service to improve behaviour of students through the use of restorative techniques.
- 2. Recommendations**
 - 2.1. Approve the allocation of the 2016-17 Victims' commissioning grant to the Restorative Engagement Forum to work with Aspire Academy to reduce demand on Police and improve students' behaviour.
- 3. Benefits of Proposal**
 - 3.1. The aim of this project is for the Restorative Engagement Forum to introduce restorative practice into Aspire Academy with the aim of reducing the number of unnecessary calls to the police, bettering staff handling of conflict in the school and building relationships between police and students
 - 3.2. By addressing the issues in the academy through showing teachers restorative practices, incidents of criminal damage at the school can be reduced (for context, there were 14 such incidents on ATHENA in the last 12 months)

- 3.3. When the issues are resolved and restorative techniques are implemented, demand on the Police in that area will be reduced
- 3.4. By working with individuals as well as the school as a whole, the process can decrease both the severity and frequency of offending and anti-social behaviour and can reduce escalation of lower-level offending
- 3.5. By shadowing the work that is done, the Essex Restorative and Mediation Service can use similar techniques in other areas in the county to address similar community issues

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 The Restorative Engagement forum has been working with Aspire since Feb '17 to improve relationships between young people, the community and local police officers. A forum for Police and young people, and a community justice panel have already been completed earlier this year
- 4.2 Currently, assaults and criminal damage frequently take place in the school and several Harlow officers discussed their concern of the school's management of behaviour. This project aims to help the school problem-solve more effectively and not resort to restraints and police call-out so readily
- 4.3 The presence of police in the school working with the students to manage conflict will build relationships between the two. This can often result in these young people shifting generations of negative embedded attitudes towards the police. After the last police/youth forum, one carer described how her charge came home "buzzing" about how positive the session had been.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's priorities to crack down on anti-social behaviour and provide more local, visible and accessible policing

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 The project will involve Essex Police Officers and PCSOs spending time in the school to promote and demonstrate restorative practice. Chief Inspector Matt Cornish is supportive of the exercise and has committed necessary resources

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The PCC would provide a one-off grant of £1,750 from the 2017-18 Victims' budget to the Restorative Engagement Forum

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 issues

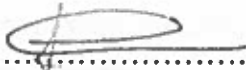
10. Equality and Diversity implications

- 10.1 There are no D&E 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 Commissioning

Sign: 

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Sign: J Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: 24/08/2017

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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