

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: PCC005/18
Classification Not protectively marked
Title of report: Street Triage co-ordinator '18-19
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £19,859 from the PFCC's 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police as a 50% contribution to the costs of the Street Triage co-ordinator.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the expenditure of £19,859 from the PFCC to Essex Police as a contribution to the Essex Street Triage co-ordinator.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. Street Triage results in a reduction in inappropriate time spent by Police Officers with individuals experiencing mental health episodes. It also reduces detentions under Section 136 Mental Health Act which represent a significant demand for Essex Police. Street Triage improves outcomes for those experiencing a mental health crisis by avoiding detention and providing or signposting them to more appropriate, specialist support.
- 3.2. The Essex experience of Street Triage has shown benefits in reducing Police Officer time dealing with individuals experiencing mental health episodes and improved outcomes for those individuals who receive specialist support rather than being unnecessarily and inappropriately diverted into the criminal justice system.
- 3.3. A previous evaluation of the Essex Street Triage system estimated that it provided financial benefits to the tune of £448,800 per annum, as well as improving the experience of staff and those experiencing mental health episodes.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. Street Triage refers to a scheme where a Mental Health Professional (MHP) joins a Police Officer on patrol. They jointly 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.
- 4.2. The Essex Street Triage service has operated since April 2015. The service was previously funded by the 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Essex as a standalone intervention, but from April 2018 the service will be part of the new integrated health and justice service (see PFCC decision 127/17) which will align street triage with police custody healthcare and the Essex liaison & diversion service.
- 4.3. From 2019-20 this post will be established within Essex Police's workforce; ensuring the sustainability of this successful model, and eliminating the need for ongoing PFCC funding contributions.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. The Street Triage service supports the PFCC to deliver against the commitment to protect vulnerable people from harm. This is also a good example of the PFCC's building blocks of success around collaboration and partnership working.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1. The post-holder will be employed by Essex Police, and from 2019-20 will be an established and fully funded post within Essex Police's workforce.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The PFCC will make a one-off contribution of £19,859 to Essex Police. This is equivalent to 50% of the costs of employing the Street Triage Coordinator. There is no expectation of any recurring costs beyond end-March 2019.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1. No legal implications

9. Staffing and other resource implications

- 9.1. Employment of staff is the responsibility of Essex Police as the host organisation. In providing this grant the PFCC is not liable for any additional liabilities associated with this post.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

- 10.1. No equality and diversity implications

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Chief Executive/M.O

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *S. Hancock*

Date: *6/2/18*

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *CHARLES R. GARDNER*

Date: *5th February 2018*

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2. Of Appendix YES
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

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I agree the recommendations to this report;

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 

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