

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: PCC133/17</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> CSA victims funding ('18-'19) - CARA sexual abuse counselling
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Mid and North Essex
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<b>Date of report:</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
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### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of a grant from the 2018-19 Victims Fund to the Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA) for the delivery of counselling services to victims of rape and sexual abuse

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £55,000 to the Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA) to deliver counselling services for victims of sexual abuse.

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The project's main aims are:

- To provide specialist sexual violence counselling provision for adults and young people who have been victims of child sexual abuse.
- To provide more consistent specialist provision for adults and young people who have been victims of CSA across Essex.
- To improve the health and wellbeing of adults and young people who have been victims of CSA by providing them with timely counselling services.

- 3.2. Specifically, the funding will pay for;

- A full-time counsellor based at CARA. The counsellor will provide at least 816 counselling sessions over a one-year period, working in areas of mid and north Essex where waiting times are longest (currently Chelmsford, Clacton-on-Sea and Colchester). The counsellor is also responsible for the line-management of at least 2 sessional or volunteer counsellors – supporting overall increased counselling capacity.

- A minimum of 950 counselling sessions provided by sessional counsellors over a one-year period to specifically include an increased number of evening and weekend sessions.
- Support to at least 110 adults and young people who have been victims of child sexual abuse, providing between 6 and 20 one-to-one specialist counselling sessions for each client.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1. As in 2017-18, in 2018-19 the PFCC will receive an allocation from the Ministry of Justice specifically to provide support for victims of CSA. This funding is intended to tackle demand as a result of the continuing increase of reporting of these crimes.
- 4.2. CARA forms part of the Essex Rape Crisis Partnership (ERCP) – the consortium of rape crisis providers that is commissioned to deliver the countywide ISVA and long-term community based support service for victims of sexual abuse. This grant targets the areas of highest need (longest waiting times) as a result of the increase in reporting of sexual abuse in recent years (currently Chelmsford, Clacton-on-Sea, and Colchester).

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. 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**

- 6.1. There are no direct operational implications of this new service for Essex Police.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. £55,000 will be allocated to the Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA) from the PCC's 2018-19 victims' commissioning fund.

#### **8. Legal Implications**

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

#### **9. Staffing and other resource implications**

- 9.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of CARA. No liabilities will be placed on the PFCC as a result of this grant funding.

#### **10. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 10.1. There are no direct 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 .

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Print: ..... *S. Hancock* .....  
Date: ..... *6/7/18* .....  
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: ..... *[Signature]* .....  
Print: ..... *CHARLES R GARDNER* .....  
Date: ..... *5 February 2017* .....

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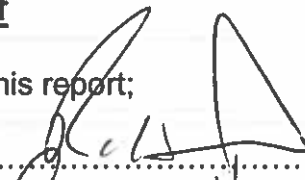
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

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**Decision and Final Sign Off**

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