

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 0131/2017
<b>Classification</b> (e.g. Not protectively marked/restricted):
<b>Title of report:</b> Young Victims online counselling support
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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### 1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £16,200 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the victims commissioning budget to XenZone Kooth services to provide online counselling services to young victims of crime.

### 2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the victims commissioning fund to XenZone - Kooth to support young victims of crime via online counselling

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

The project will

- Ensure that young victims of crime (aged 11 – 25) across Essex are able to access timely, child and young person centred support via our Kooth platform in ways that work for them
- Enable quick access to low level mental health support and referral to more intensive and specialist support if required through existing mental health pathways.

- Develop specific resources relevant for young victims of crime for use both on online and through their existing support networks that will raise awareness of crime, support networks and prevention.
- Increase the knowledge and understanding of young victims of crime (especially through outcome measures that capture the 'victims' voice') both reported and none reported.

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

Southend Essex and Thurrock Collaborative Commissioning Group (comprising the seven Essex CCGs, Essex County Council and Southend and Thurrock Borough Councils) have commissioned a pilot until September 2018 for XenZone's Kooth service to provide online counselling to children and young people across Southend, Essex and Thurrock from the age of 11 until 26.

The OPFCC Victim Needs Assessment that was completed in 2017 identified that young people in Essex do not see themselves as victims and are not being seen to seek out or access support currently available, existing support appears to be patchy and for targeted cohorts and locations. Utilising the existing service provided by Xenzone in collaboration with the CCGs funding is sought to expand the service to include young victims of crime. Expanding this service to support victims of crime will ensure that young victims of crime across Essex are able to access timely, child and young person centred support via the Kooth Platform in ways that work for them.

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

Supports priority 6 in the Police and Crime Plan; Protecting Children and vulnerable people from harm

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

No police operational implications

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

OPFCC to fund a one off contribution of £16,200 to XenZone Kooth Service to provide online counselling service to young victims of Essex.

The proposal is in conjunction with the existing service commissioned by Essex, Southend and Thurrock Collaborative Commissioning Group which is in place until September 2018.

#### **7. Legal Implications**

The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement

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

There are no staffing and resource implications

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

There are no equality and diversity implications

#### **11. Background papers**

N/A

**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 GARRETT* .....

Date: *5th FEBRUARY 2018* .....

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: ..... 

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: ..... 

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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