

## PFCC Decision Report

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| <b>Report reference number: PCC 133/18</b>  |
| <b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked   |
| <b>Title of report:</b> SARC freezer  |
| <b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide   |
| <b>Report by :</b> Kirsty Smith<br><b>Date of report:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018<br><b>Enquiries to:</b> Kirsty.smith@essex.pnn.police.uk |

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of £659 to NHS England who will provide a new evidential preservation freezer to Mountain Healthcare who manage the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £659 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to NHS England for a new evidential preservation freezer

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

The SARC are continuing to see increases in self referrals into their centres. To be able to continue to support victims and protect them from harm capacity needs to increase. The new freezer will provide this larger capacity and as a new model will have the ability to store forensic evidence appropriately for a significant period of time.

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 Mountain Healthcare is commissioned by NHS England and the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner to provide forensic healthcare services for Sexual Assault Referrals.

The SARCs are places of confidentiality and victims can seek help and advice from a SARC if they have been victim to sexual assault but there is no requirement/obligation to report the crime to the Police.

Whilst there is no requirement to report to the Police, Mountain Healthcare store any forensic evidence for future use if the victim changes their mind and wishes to report at a later stage.

Mountain Healthcare have reported the continued increase of self-referrals which is putting a strain on current freezer storage. Mountain Healthcare have sourced a new larger freezer for £659 that will increase capacity and allow for Mountain Healthcare to continue to deliver services.

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

- 5.1. This funding supports the Police and Crime plan priority to protect vulnerable people from harm

**6. Police Operational Implications**

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

**7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £659 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to NHS England

**8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1. There are no legal implications

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

- 9.1. There are no direct staffing implications as a result of this decision

**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 .

Chief Executive/M.O

Sign:



Print:

David Lawson

Date:

14 September 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign:

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Print:

..... *James G. G. G.* .....

Date:

..... *15/9/18* .....

**Publication**

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If the report is for publication, is redaction required:

1. Of Decision Sheet

YES

NO

2. Of Appendix

YES

NO

If 'YES', please provide details of required redaction:

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**Treasurer / Chief Executive Sign Off – for Redactions only**

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Sign: .....

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: ..... 

Print: ..... 

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: ..... 

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: .....