

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Essex Police – Drink Aware Crew
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To approve the allocation of £30,000 to Essex Police to place Drink Aware Crews inside a number of specific licensed premises across the county.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £30,000 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police to support the implementation of Drink Aware crews in 7 premises across the county.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Drink Aware Crews will be deployed to specific venues across Essex. The purpose is to;

- Support vulnerable people and prevent those becoming victims
- Support venue staff to identify predatory behaviour
- Alert staff of potential predators
- Reunite vulnerable people with friends

The benefit of implementing the crews into venues across Essex are for;

- A reduction in the number of sexual offences recorded.
- Increase the intelligence passed to the police about predators and suspects.
- Make Essex night time economy a safer place
- A reduction of demand on police.

4. Background and proposal

Sexual recorded crime has increased by 26% year on year for the past four years and is already up by 8.5% this year compared to the same period last year.

A number of serious sexual offences including rape have begun where the predator has targeted the victim at a licensed premises.

Drink Aware have implemented crews in a number of locations across the UK. South Wales is the best example of this. The Vulnerability Awareness training and the Drink Aware Crews implemented in venues across South Wales proved a success. In its first year 520 vulnerable individuals were supported.

The proposal is to support Essex Police by providing £30,000 to place Drink Aware Crews inside a number of specific licensed premises across Essex, on specific times and days of the week for a period of 12 months.

The main purpose of placing the crews inside the licensed premises is for them to identify vulnerable people and support and care for potential vulnerable people and to mitigate/reduce the risk of someone becoming a victim of crime.

Working inside the venues Drink Aware Crews will bridge the gap between door and venue staff and work with existing partners such as the Street Pastors to support vulnerable people.

The Drink Aware Crews will also receive training on how to spot the signs of predatory behaviour and will be given the practical advice on how to highlight these individuals to venue staff, again in a bid to minimise the risk to potential victims and to tackle sexual crime in the NTE.

This project is preventative and trying to prevent offences occurring, not only will this make Essex a safer place, but will improve and promote partnership working and reduce demand on a number of services including the police.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This funding supports the Police and Crime plan priority to reverse the trend in serious violence by supporting early intervention to improve public safety

6. Police Operational Implications

There are no direct operational implications for Essex Police, however the aim of the project is to reduce demand on Police resources.

7. Financial Implications

The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £30,000 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police who will support Drink Aware.

8. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications

9. Staffing and other resource implications

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

10. Equality and Diversity implications

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: P. Bevan

Date: 18 October 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: A. Bevan

Date: 31.10.18

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1. Of Decision Sheet

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NO

2. Of Appendix

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Sign:

Print:

Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print: *R.C. Hest*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *8/11/18*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: