

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Violence and Vulnerability: The Children's Society
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £60,000 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to The Children's Society for training and support in order to tackle the exploitation of young people.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £60,000 to The Children's Society as pass-ported funding from Home Office Early Intervention Fund

3. Benefits of Proposal

Over recent years serious violence and its associated harm has become an increasing priority for criminal justice and community safety partners in Essex. This initiated a partnership project that culminated in the development of the countywide Violence and Vulnerability (V&V) Framework
<http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/news/safer-essex-violence-and-vulnerability-framework>

To deliver against the Violence and Vulnerability Framework we need to have interventions that support young people and have workforces able to recognise windows of opportunity to intervene with young people on the occasion they come into contact with services.

The Children's Society will provide 3 services which support the framework and will provide;

- AMBIT training increases practitioner's confidence and capacity to respond to young people around criminal exploitation by forming a team around the worker that holds the most trusted relationship with the young person (e.g. Youth worker, social worker etc.) leading to a more sustainable model of provision.
- Exploitation training & awareness raising sessions improve ^{the} practitioner's ability to identify early, assess and support young people at risk of exploitation leading to a more confident workforce within Essex increasing the number of young people protected from harm.
- Exploitation group work - These will be gendered groups and offer a trauma and gender informed approach to delivery. This should ensure that young people can make more informed decisions, improve their health & well-being and positively manage risk.

4. Background and proposal

The Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund was created following the government's commitment within the serious violence strategy. £22 million was made available for PCCs to apply.

The aims of the fund are;

- delivering services to support and prevent young people from getting involved in crime by supporting positive activities
- delivering positive outcomes for young people, focused on addressing risk factors which are linked to serious violence
- building on, and developing, our understanding of what works in practice for tackling these risks factors
- driving improved local, multi-agency partnership working; and most crucially
- reducing the levels of serious violence and crime

The office of the PFCC with community safety partners developed and were successful in an application to the fund. Essex will be given £664,000 to help tackle the complex issues of serious violence, youth exploitation and drug gangs.

A proportion of monies received was to provide additional funding to existing programmes to upscale outreach support work with vulnerable young people in the community. The funding will follow a 'team around the worker' approach providing additional support to those professionals who are currently engaging with young people. This provision will be in place whilst the evaluation is underway of all services and whilst Essex procure a service in Year 2 which will be from evidence based.

Children's Society are an existing provider who provides support to young people of Essex who are at risk of exploitation. The proposal is to provide £60,000 for Children's Society to extend their services to include

- Exploitation group work - we will offer targeted group work programmes to young people engaged with/or at risk of exploitation. Groups would comprise of 6-8 young people and would be delivered over 8 weeks.

- Exploitation training and awareness for practitioners. CARE website pages will also be updated to make them more accessible for parents, young people and professionals including access to resources
 - AMBIT training for practitioners. This is training that supports to deliver team around the worker.
5. **Police and Crime Plan**
This funding supports the Police and Crime plan priority to tackle gangs and organised crime and to protect children and vulnerable people.
 6. **Police Operational Implications**
There is no direct operational impact on Essex Police as a result of this bid but by intervening early and preventing harm and abuse it is the ambition of this project to reduce demand on the Police.
 7. **Financial Implications**
The PFCC will allocate a grant of up to £60,000 to Children's Society to deliver interventions and training. Funding is allocated from the Home Office Early Intervention Fund and the PFCC Community Safety Fund *by March 2019, through passported funds.*
 8. **Legal Implications**
Approved Early Intervention Youth Funding was subject to an amended Home Office grant agreement.
 9. **Staffing and other resource implications**
No staffing or resource implications
 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: [Signature]

Print: P. Brent - Inclusion

Date: 7 December 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: [Signature]

Print: ABE1 G041

Date: 12/12/18

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1. Of Decision Sheet YES
NO

2. Of Appendix YES
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Sign:

Print:

Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J. Spurlin.....

Print: JANE GARDNER.....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 14 December 2018.....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed:

