

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Colchester severe and multiple disadvantage (SMD) pilot
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Colchester
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £90,000 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Phoenix Futures.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £90,000 from the PFCC's 2018-19 CSF to Phoenix Futures for the expansion of the Severe and Multiple Disadvantage (SMD) pilot scheme into Colchester for 2 years from January 2019.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The project is based on a 1-year pilot that ran in Chelmsford from December '16 and replicates the PFCC-funded extension into Tendring (decision PCC050/18). It involves working in a multi-disciplinary way to identify and engage with a cohort of 10 individuals who meet the criteria of offending, being homeless, and having substance misuse issues. These individuals are amongst the most complex and high-need, and hence place significant pressure on public sector organisations such as housing, police, physical/mental health, and substance misuse services.
- 3.2. By engaging with that complex-need cohort, the project aims to;
- Reduce offending behaviour
 - Decrease use of substances
 - Improve individuals' housing situation
 - Increase health and wellbeing
- 3.3. This funding will enable Phoenix Futures (through their Essex Full Circle service) to extend the pilot project to Colchester. Essex County Council (ECC) will provide funding to the PFCC to commission this extension in Colchester. The PFCC will receive performance monitoring information on the SMD pilots in Colchester and Tendring through the Full Circle performance group.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. Severe and Multiple Disadvantage is defined as a combination of substance misuse, offending and homelessness, with poverty and mental ill-health common complicating factors. Research by LankellyChase Foundation estimates that in Essex 950 people have contact with all three service areas.
- 4.2. A 2015 IPPR report on the 'Troubled Lives' programme¹ discusses how these individuals 'fall between the gaps' in policy and services. It explains that because services are set up to deal with single issues such as drug or alcohol use, homelessness or mental health, rather than addressing the various needs of the individual, multiple professionals are often working with the same person. Services are too often focused on the problem and so neglect the multiple factors involved and fail to resolve those issues, leaving people revolving between, and representing to, services.
- 4.3. A 12-month pilot service for offenders with complex needs was run in Chelmsford from 1st December 2016. The initial results of the pilot were positive, with findings including;
- Despite all clients having previous offending behaviour, no clients self-reported offending behaviour at 12 month review
 - 54% of clients reported an improvement in their housing situation between baseline and 12 month review and are now in temporary or permanent accommodation
 - Between baseline and 12 month review, a decrease was observed in self-reported use of many substances
 - The average self-reported score for each of the three areas of health and well-being increased between the initial assessment and the 12 month review
 - Most clients reported better engagement with mental health services

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This project will support the PFCC's priority to protect vulnerable people from harm and will support the overarching ambitions to reduce reoffending and promote partnership working.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1. No direct operational implications

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant payment of £90,000 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Phoenix Futures. The PFCC will invoice ECC for £90,000 to cover these costs.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1. There are no legal implications identified.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

- 9.1. Phoenix Futures will recruit and employ individuals to deliver this project. Liabilities associated with the recruitment and employment of individuals will sit with Phoenix Futures.

¹ https://www.ippr.org/files/publications/pdf/breaking-boundaries_Sep2015.pdf

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. Bevan - Treasurer.....

Date: 21 DECEMBER 2018.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: *[Signature]*.....

Print: ASICS G. G. G.....

Date: 24/12/18.....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

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I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: LS Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

REEC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 27 / 12 / 2018

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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