

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Title of report:</b> Violence and Vulnerability: Thurrock Prevention Activity
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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**1. Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the allocation of £20,000 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to Thurrock Council (Thurrock Community Safety Partnership) to support prevention activity against serious youth violence

**2. Recommendations**

Approve the allocation of £20,000 to Thurrock Council (Thurrock Community Safety Partnership) 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.

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will be allocating funds to

- Targeted localised prevention activity in known areas within Thurrock
- Enhance existing support to the most vulnerable.

#### 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. This provision will be in place whilst the evaluation is underway of all services and whilst Essex procures a service in Year 2 which will be ~~from~~ evidence based.

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership have identified opportunity for the funding to support local educational establishments where young people are at higher risk of being exploited and recruited by known gang associates.

The funding through an existing working relationship with St Giles Trust will follow the team around the worker approach providing support to educational staff ~~supporting~~ to ensure skills are shared in order to support young people.

The funding will also provide prevention activity to the targeted educational establishment to prevent gang and its associated activity.

**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 £20,000 to Thurrock Council (Community Safety Partnership) to deliver activity that prevents and supports young people against serious youth violence. Funding is allocated from the Home Office Early Intervention Fund and the PFCC Community Safety Fund

**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.



**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: ..... 

Print: ..... R.C. Hurst

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: ..... 1/2/19

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

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Date signed: .....

