

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 193 /18
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Updated; Violence and Vulnerability Intervention Research - Award
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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**1. Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £24,000 to TONIC a research organisation to conduct research of serious violence interventions.

**2. Recommendations**

Approve the allocation of up to £24,000 for research into serious violence interventions through 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>

Essex came together to develop a new structured approach which delivers against the Violence and Vulnerability Framework. This includes a Strategic Leadership Board, bringing together key partners to drive strategic change. The work of the Board will be delivered through a Central Co-located Unit made up of partner committed resource including Police, Youth Offending Teams.

As part of the Violence and Vulnerability programme to ensure Essex are investing in local programmes that are meeting desired outcomes we will commission research to review the evaluation in existing education and intervention programmes to enable Essex to create an approved catalogue of

services. This will also help shape the future commissioning in this agenda and to be able to inform local Community Safety Partnerships on best value programmes.

TONIC were the successful applicant following the selection process. TONIC are able to deliver in a clear methodology research to PFCC full specification. As added value they will be providing a toolkit to support future evaluation of projects to ensure a consistent approach.

#### **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.

Through the development of the application and the V&V framework we are aware that there are existing activities, projects and interventions taking place nationally and across Essex aimed at reducing the vulnerability of young people or diverting them away from criminality. The national serious youth violence strategy also contains a review and evaluation of some existing activity. Despite the existence of this intelligence, we recognise that there is not a consistent understanding or demonstrable evidence of the outcomes delivered by these programmes. Individually, agencies are evaluating the impact of different interventions which makes it difficult to compare and identify those programmes that deliver meaningful outcomes.

A previous decision sheet 170/18 was approved to conduct a selection process to identify a key provider to undertake research on existing intervention programmes who will provide an assessment of the impact of existing early prevention and intervention activity and programmes to inform future commissioning decisions.

TONIC were the successful organisation who had the highest score following a review of all applications against quality and price. TONIC demonstrated a strong understanding of the research required and had a clear methodology.

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

This funding supports the Police and Crime plan priority to tackle gangs and organised crime

**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 one off grant of £24,000 to TONIC for research into serious violence interventions with funding allocated from the Home Office Early Intervention Young Fund

**8. Legal Implications**

The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

There are no staffing and 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. Bear-Brewer.....

Date: 11 January 2019.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

Print: ABCC- Goff.....

Date: 15.1.19.....

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

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

Print: ..... *Barbara*

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: ..... *12/1/19*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: .....

