

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Columbus domestic abuse perpetrator project
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of up to £120,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to The Change Project, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To seek approval to allocate £120,000 to The Change Project to undertake the Columbus Domestic Abuse (DA) perpetrator project for 1 year from April 2019.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Columbus perpetrator programme is a project that will provide dedicated perpetrator workers to the Southend and Essex Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs). These workers will attend MARAC meetings in order to bring expert advice and resource to disrupt and, where appropriate, support perpetrators to change their behaviour.
- 3.2. In addition to attending MARAC meetings, DA perpetrator workers will hold a caseload and work directly with perpetrators, including, where appropriate, delivering behaviour-change work through Respect-accredited interventions.
- 3.3. This project will build on the positive results of the DRIVE domestic abuse perpetrator pilot. It will enable the engagement of DA perpetrators with a view to changing their offending behaviour, reducing reoffending, and reducing the potential of harm for victims of domestic abuse.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. This project follows-on from the DRIVE pilot project which concludes in March 2019. The DRIVE was a three-year pilot that aimed to develop and evaluate a new approach to hold perpetrators of domestic abuse to account in order to keep domestic abuse victims and children safe.
- 4.2. This proposal has been presented to, and has the backing of the Essex Domestic Abuse Commissioning Group and Strategic Board.
- 4.3. The Drive Project in Essex has been piloted in Colchester and Tendring and concludes in March 2019. The Columbus project will run for an initial period of 1 year and will extend coverage to the whole of Essex and Southend (excluding Thurrock).
- 4.4. This pilot benefits from match-funding of up to £100,000 from Essex County Council, and SafeLives.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This project will support the priority to break the cycle of domestic abuse and will keep children and vulnerable people safe from harm.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1. No direct operational implications on Essex Police

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. OPFCC will provide a one off contribution of £120,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to The Change Project. The total cost of the project is around £240,000 with match-funding received from Essex County Council, and SafeLives.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1. The grant is subject to the PFCC's Standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

- 9.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of The Change Project. No liabilities will be placed on the PFCC or other funders as a result of this grant funding.

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. Best-Tinswood
Date: 14 FEBRUARY 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ABBEY GOLAN
Date: 15/2/19

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