

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 050/19
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Title of report: Essex Youth Service - Brecks Last Game
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Essex (excl Southend and Thurrock)
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £8,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex Youth Service, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

To seek approval to pay £8,000 to Essex Youth Service who alongside Essex Police are responding to the issue of online safety by holding various conferences to launch Brecks Last Game.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Essex Youth Service and Essex Police will hold five events across the county on the same day to launch the film Breck's Last Game within Essex. Each state school from across the county will be invited to bring along ten year 8 students to the event. The focus of the day will be to launch the film; Essex Youth Service will then deliver three one-hour workshops to the young people. The focus of the workshops will be:

- Believe and ~~be~~ Beware
- Educate and Empower
- Communicate and Report

The project will raise awareness of

- The dangers of online grooming
- How young people are groomed
- Who is at risk of grooming

- Grooming behaviour and characteristics
- Barriers to seeking help
- Where to access help

4. Background and proposal

Four Police forces (Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Essex and Surrey) have been working together on an innovative collaboration to raise awareness of online grooming. The four forces have been working with The Breck Foundation to create a film Brecks Last Game. Brecks Last Game is a film based on the real-life murder of 14-year-old Breck Bednar in Grays in February 2014.

The film highlights the risks of grooming to young people and asks the question 'Do you know who your online friends really are?'

Through the use of avatars, the film captures the events leading up to Breck's death and also features the real 999 call made to police.

Youth Workers will facilitate the five conferences. Young people will be encouraged to talk about the subject; they will also be provided information throughout the day and information will be available for them to take away.

Using the Essex Police-created and hosted online portal the film will be rolled out to schools across the county.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative option is not to support this project. Not supporting will increase the risk on Essex Youth Service, as they will be unable to deliver all of the conferences across the county.

6. Police and Crime Plan

Essex Youth Service contributes to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically priority 6 (protecting children and vulnerable people from harm)

7. Police Operational Implications

No direct operational implications

8. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £8,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex Youth Service

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

No staffing implications.

11. Risks

There are no risks identified

12. Governance Boards

As a community project, this proposal has not been to any governance boards.

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. Sean O'Sullivan

Date: 18 April 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: [Signature]

Print: Aileen Goan

Date: 23/4/19

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