

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 042/19
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Title of report: Domestic abuse community awareness training
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £20,000 to Essex County Council as a contribution towards a community-based awareness raising campaign for domestic abuse.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To seek approval to allocate £20,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to deliver community awareness-raising around domestic abuse.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. Through engagement with local volunteer Facebook administrators a need has been identified for community members to be given training around awareness of domestic abuse, including signs of abuse, nature of abuse, support agencies and referral routes.
- 3.2. This training should improve engagement with victims, improve disclosure rates and provide timely support to victims that safeguards them, and their families, from harm.
- 3.3. This need has been identified by the community themselves, demonstrating a desire for greater community engagement and support for victims of domestic abuse.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. A similar project was recently undertaken led by the public health team in Essex County Council around mental health awareness. This led to a number of volunteers being trained to deliver similar sessions, providing a sustainable resource to improve mental health awareness amongst Essex communities.

4.2. This project benefits from £20,000 match-funding from Essex County Council.

4.3. The training will be delivered using the established and well-regarded J9 model, and delivered by Safer Places.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. The PFCC has the option not to allocate this grant which would mean losing an opportunity to promote an improved understanding of domestic abuse amongst Essex communities and may mean victims waiting longer and enduring more harm before reaching out to support agencies or the Police.

6. Police and Crime Plan

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

7. Police Operational Implications

7.1. No direct operational implications on Essex Police

8. Financial Implications

8.1. The PFCC will provide a one-off grant of £20,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex County Council.

9. Legal Implications

9.1. The grant will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing and other resource implications

10.1. No staffing implications

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. No equality and diversity implications

12. Risks

12.1. There are no risks identified

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This grant resulted from a conversation at the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board Prevention sub group.

14. Background documents

14.1. n/a

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. Scott.....

Date: 27 JUNE 2019.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature].....

Print: ASSET.....

Date: 27/06/2019.....

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