

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: CARA CSA victims funding '19-20
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: North Essex
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £55,000 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to the Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £55,000 to CARA to deliver additional counselling services to victims of sexual abuse.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This funding will enable CARA to deliver additional counselling services to victims of sexual abuse. The aims of the funding are;

- To provide specialist sexual violence counselling provision for adults and young people who have been victims of child sexual abuse.
- To provide more consistent specialist provision for adults and young people who have been victims of CSA across Essex.
- To improve the health & wellbeing of adults and young people who have been victims of CSA by providing them with appropriate, timely support

- 3.2. Specifically, the funding will pay for;

- A full-time counsellor providing 17 sessions and 5 assessments per week, as well as line-managing 2 sessional counsellors.
- Sessional counselling capacity; 18 sessional counsellors are now used by CARA, including one male counsellor.
- A minimum of 950 counselling sessions provided by sessional counsellors
- Increased counselling capacity from last year of at least 15 further sessions per week. These counsellors will focus specifically on increasing

evening and weekend counselling provision in Clacton, where waiting times remain high.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. As in previous years the PFCC receives a ring-fenced allocation from the Ministry of Justice specifically to provide support for victims of CSA. This funding is intended to tackle demand as a result of the continuing increase of reporting of these crimes, and the increasing volume of victims seeking and accessing support.
- 4.2. CARA forms part of the Essex Rape Crisis Partnership (ERCP) – the consortium of rape crisis providers commissioned to deliver the countywide support service for victims of sexual abuse. This grant targets the areas of highest need (longest waiting times) as a result of the increase in reporting of sexual abuse in recent years.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC has a responsibility to utilise Ministry of Justice grant money as outlined in the grant agreement. Alternative options may be to allocate this funding to other sexual abuse organisations, but by working through the ERCP we ensure that this funding supplements and complements existing activity rather than duplicating it or creating confusing pathways of support for referrers or victims.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding protects children and vulnerable people from harm and ensures victims receive specialist support.

7. Police Operational Implications

- 7.1. No direct operational impact of this funding.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £55,000 to CARA from the 2019-20 Victims' Commissioning Fund.

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

- 10.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of CARA. No liabilities will be placed on the PFCC as a result of this grant funding.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There are no risks identified

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. This funding is monitored by the PFCC's commissioning team. Broader issues concerning sexual abuse are discussed at the Sexual Abuse Strategic Partnership (SASP Board)

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. BRANT GREENWOOD.....

Date: 2 JUNE 2019.....

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

Print: ABREN GOSWAMI.....

Date: 25/6/19.....

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *Jane Gardner*
Print: *JANE GARDNER*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *25 June 2019*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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