

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: 071/19</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Modern Slavery Safe House
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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<b>Date of report:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
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**1. Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the allocation of £2,587.50 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to The Medaille Trust, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex. This is a 50% contribution along with Kent PCC.

**2. Recommendations**

To seek approval for the allocation of £2,587.50 to Kent Police for The Medaille Trust to continue to provide a safe house for victims of modern slavery in Essex.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

The safe house provides safeguarding and appropriate immediate support to victims, and will prevent re-victimisation of those identified as being trafficked or experiencing modern slavery in Essex.

Last year the Safe House received and supported 22 referrals of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

**4. Background and proposal**

The Medaille Trust operates a safe house for victims of modern slavery to be accommodated prior to their formal acceptance into the National Referral Mechanism, and supports the nationally commissioned Salvation Army support contract.

The Safe House was initiated back in 2016 (decision sheet 088/16) following the identification of a gap in the provision of immediate support once victims are identified and before they are picked up by the Salvation Army contract, which may take up to 5 days. This resource is shared with Kent Police.

Funding of £2,587.50 will cover room costs, staff support, toiletries, clothes, food, and money for personal items as and when required.

**5. Alternative options considered and rejected**

The alternative option that was rejected is to decline funding support to The Medaille Trust. The Police and Crime Plan commits to supporting victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. The Safe House does this by safeguarding victims once identified.

**6. Police and Crime Plan**

The Medaille Trust contributes to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically priority 5 (tackle gangs and organised crime).

**7. Police Operational Implications**

No direct operational implications

**8. Financial Implications**

The PFCC will fund a one off contribution of £2,587.50 to Kent Police from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund for The Medaille Trust to deliver the Modern Slavery Safe House.

**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**

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. BEAN-BREWSTER.....

Date: 26 JUNE 2019.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

Print: ABIGAIL GORAN.....

Date: 27.6.19.....

**Publication**

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (state 'None' if applicable)

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2. Of Appendix    YES     NO

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Sign: .....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: Jane Gardner .....

Print: JANE GARDNER .....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 27 June 2019 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: .....