

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Voice of Sexual Abuse Victims
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £1,800 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Quest Music.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of an additional £1,800 from the PFCC's 2019-20 CSF to Quest Music Services who will record interviews from Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Funding will be used to bring to life the experiences from Survivors of Sexual Abuse. The feedback is important to identify areas of improvement and shape future processes.

The OPFCC are working with partners across Essex to increase support and outcomes for Victims of Sexual Violence and Abuse. Supporting this focused JSNA will provide valuable insight into the needs of victims and will influence the Essex wide Sexual Abuse Strategy currently being developed through the Sexual Abuse Strategic Partnership.

4. Background and proposal

The OPFCC has been part of a working group supporting Thurrock Council complete the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Sexual Violence and Abuse. The JSNA is one of the only authorities nationally to solely focus a JSNA on Sexual Violence and Abuse. Previously needs have been assessed in

combination with Domestic Abuse but Thurrock recognise that services and approaches are different.

The JSNA aims is to understand the needs of the population of Thurrock and provide recommendations for improvement.

Within the development of the JSNA Thurrock Council sought feedback from Survivors of Sexual Abuse about their experiences.

The JSNA is a large document and the working group wanted to ensure that the voices of the Survivors was not lost in the many pages of strategic commentary. It was therefore proposed that a short film is made using Survivors to tell their own experience. This film will be shown alongside the JSNA to 'bring it to life' and engage stakeholders into this complex and serious agenda.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The PFCC has the option not to allocate this money. However, the activity supports the Police and Crime Plan priorities and will support the development of the wider Essex Sexual Abuse Strategy.

6. Police and Crime Plan

This project will support the PFCC's priority to reverse the trend in serious violence specifically ensuring victims of rape and sexual violence receive the help and support they need.

7. Police Operational Implications

No direct operational implications

8. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £1,800 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Quest Music Services

9. Legal Implications

The grant is subject to the PFCC's Standard funding agreement. Full consent will be obtained from the Survivor to be involved with the filming.

10. Staffing and other resource implications

No staffing implications.

11. Risks

There are no risks identified. Survivors who are involved in the filming are being supported through commissioned specialist support services if required.

12. Governance Boards

This proposal has not been to any governance boards but agreed approach was discussed at the JSNA working group.

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. Bevan-Townsend

Date: 3 Jan 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ABCCY Golan

Date: 03/07/19

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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: 3 JULY 2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: