

## PFCC Decision Report

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<p><b>Report reference number:</b> 130/19</p>
<p><b>Classification:</b> Not protectively marked</p>
<p><b>Title of report:</b> Phase 1 of Home Office Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) funding 2019/20</p>
<p><b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide</p>
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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of £552,800 from the Home Office VRU fund to the organisations detailed in section 4.1 below for delivery against the objectives set out in our VRU bid.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £552,800 to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex VRU application to the Home Office.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will enable local partners across Essex, to have a positive impact on issues relating to violence and vulnerability, including gangs, 'county lines' and child criminal exploitation.
- 3.2. This funding supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018) to reduce serious violence and safeguard those being exploited and at risk of exploitation through gangs and 'county lines'.
- 3.3. The funding allocations have been developed and agreed by the PFCC and key strategic partners, and have been approved by the Home Office.

#### 4. Background and proposal

4.1. The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations:

Thurrock Council	Analyst, 1-1 mentoring programme, Targeted Youth Service provision, holiday diversionary activity scheme & school wellbeing service	£113,200
Southend Council	Trauma informed therapeutic intervention & Analyst to focus on adolescent intervention	£106,000
Essex County Council	Hidden Harm Workers - Expansion of the current provision to ensure that the systems are able to manage the rising impact of the most vulnerable and highest risk young people in Essex, & Choices, an extension of 'missing chats'	£167,000
Essex Youth Offending Service	Youth Offending Service officer to strengthen the multi-agency approach and collaboration across the whole agenda	£48,000
Essex Community Rehabilitation Company Manager	Community Rehabilitation Company manager post, to consider 'transitional safeguarding' arrangements for movement between the youth and adult justice systems, and work to develop a Prison project.	£45,000
Essex Police	Post-arrest voluntary 'buddi tags' for those at risk of exploitation	£57,700
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Service (ECYVS)	Youth clubs to be able to access and run a session plan with core questions around gangs to be discussed with young people.	£12,000
Chelmsford City Council	Extra space for the VVU at the community safety hub at Chelmsford City Council	£3,900
		<b>£552,800</b>

#### 5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. No alternative options considered as the details of the bid have already been approved by the Home Office

#### 6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1. This funding will enable partner organisations to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, including protecting children and vulnerable people from harm and reversing the trend in serious violence.

#### 7. Police operational implications

7.1. Part of this funding is allocated to Essex Police for the rollout of a post-arrest buddi tag scheme. The cost of this additional work for the police is covered by the grant.

7.2. Essex Police has been involved in the development of these proposals and has approved the set of initiatives.

## **8. Financial implications**

8.1. The PFCC will allocate £552,800 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This is additional funding that the PFCC has received from the Home Office as part of our successful bid to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Fund. Essex secured £1.16m for use in financial year 2019-20. This is the first tranche of funding to transfer that money to local delivery partners.

## **9. Legal implications**

9.1. No legal implications

## **10. Staffing implications**

10.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability will be placed on the PFCC or other funders as a result of this grant funding.

## **11. Equality and Diversity implications**

11.1. No equality and diversity implications

## **12. Risks**

12.1. There are no specific risks associated with this funding

## **13. Governance Boards**

13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Strategic Executive Group, Round Table and Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The submission to the Home Office was signed off by members of the Operations Board, acting with the approval of the Strategic Executive 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. Grant, M. Grew  
Date: 19 September 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: [Signature]  
Print: ASCC, G. G.  
Date: 19.10.19

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: ..... *RCH* .....

Print: ..... *RCHRSO* .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: ..... *25/1/19* .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign: .....

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: .....

