

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 134/19
Classification Not protectively marked
Title of report: Hate Crime Awareness Week Activity
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £700 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant to contribute to activity during Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW).

2. Recommendation

Approve the allocation of £700 in order to support activity during hate crime awareness week that includes:

- Newly designed 'Stop the Hate' trifold leaflets
- Promotional merchandise (pens and badges)
- £25 gift card for the winning entry of the awareness poster competition.

3. Benefits of the Proposal

Funding is required to engage, educate and raise awareness of communities on:

- What is a hate crime?
- Where to report hate crime
- Where victims can seek support

4. Background and proposal

National HCAW is taking place from 12th to 19th October.

Leading up to HCAW the PFCC funded Hate Crime Coordinator and Essex Police have been updating the 'Stop the Hate' leaflet. This leaflet is used to provide information about reporting a hate crime and where victims can seek support. This leaflet is used by Hate Incident Reporting Centres (HIRCs) and is a useful tool for information.

Through the Essex Strategic Hate Crime Partnership and coordinated by the Hate Crime Coordinator, there are a number of events and activities being arranged for HCAW, including:

- Pop up stalls across the county raising awareness of hate crime. The stalls are working in conjunction with Community Safety Partnerships and local charities
- Schools poster competition. Through the Strategic Hate Crime Partnership, there will be a competition for school children of Essex to create a hate crime awareness poster. The winning poster will be used to promote hate crime awareness. The winner will also receive a £25 gift card.
- Rejuvenation of HIRCs. The new leaflets will be issued to HIRCs across the county to rejuvenate and encourage them to raise awareness and reiterate where victims can seek support

In order to support the above activity, funding is required to:

- Print the updated leaflets. The leaflets will be used in the public events and shared with the HIRCs
- Purchase awareness raising merchandise for the public events taking place during HCAW
- Purchase a £25 gift card for the winner of the hate crime awareness poster competition

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The PFCC has the option not to allocate this funding, however supporting HCAW ensures that the commitment of the Police and Crime Plan to improve reporting of hate incidents through improved community engagement continues to be upheld.

6. Police and Crime Plan

This funding supports priority six (to protect children and vulnerable people from harm).

7. Police Operational Implications

There are no direct operational impacts of this funding for Essex Police.

8. Financial Implications

The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £700 from the 2019-20 Victims Commissioning Fund. Allocation of this fund will be split between:

- £675 – Printing services. A short cost exercise will be conducted to ensure best value for money for the printing of leaflets, pens and badges
- £25 - Gift card

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

There are no direct staffing implications for the PFCC.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

There are no risks identified.

13. Governance Boards

This is not subject 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. Best.....

Date: 4 October 2019.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

Print: ABBEY GUN.....

Date: 7/10/2019.....

Publication

Is the report for publication?

YES
NO

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

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If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

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1. Of Decision Sheet YES NO 2. Of Appendix YES NO

If 'YES', please provide details of required redaction:

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Sign:

Print:

Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 10/10/2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed:

