

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: NHS England – Collaboration Agreement for Essex SARC
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the PFCC to sign an updated Collaboration Agreement with NHS England for the Essex Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the PFCC signs the attached Collaboration Agreement which covers the partnership arrangements for the joint commissioning of the Essex SARC.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This Collaboration Agreement sets out the arrangements between NHS England and the PFCC to jointly commission Mountain Healthcare to deliver forensic investigation, sexual assault referral, and victim support services within the Essex SARC.
- 3.2. Signing this Collaboration Agreement will ensure partnership arrangements are in place to enable Mountain Healthcare to deliver services for an additional year until March 2020.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The decision to support this initiative financially in 2019-20 was agreed in decision sheet 060/18.
- 4.2. An effective sexual abuse referral centre and associated services will support Essex Police to achieve best evidence and will encourage victims to come forward and report incidents. It will also provide longer-term outcomes for

victims, giving them access to appropriate practical and emotional support, ensuring they can cope and recover from their experience.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The alternative option is to not sign the Collaboration Agreement. This is not recommended as the Collaboration Agreement is intended for partners to ensure a common understanding of their individual duties and responsibilities in relation to the SARC service. Not signing the Collaboration Agreement therefore risks creating confusion about the PFCC's investment and responsibilities.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This Collaboration Agreement supports the PFCC to deliver against the commitment to protect vulnerable people from harm. This is also a good example of the PFCC's building blocks of success around collaboration and partnership working.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. The Essex SARC enables Essex Police to achieve best evidence for rape and sexual assault cases. Extending the Collaboration Agreement will support the continuation of the good service delivered by Mountain Healthcare to date.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications of this decision. The investment from the PFCC in the SARC is covered under decision 060/18. Please note that, whilst the attached Collaboration Agreement commits the PFCC to expenditure of £334,249.14, as per decision sheet 060/18, £174,600 of this amount will be recharged to Essex Police.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. This Collaboration Agreement supports the terms of the contract between NHS England, the Essex PFCC and Mountain Healthcare. As set out in clauses 17.1 and 20.1 respectively, "Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a formal, legally binding partnership" but each party commits to "honour, observe and perform as if it was."

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1. There are no direct staffing or implications arising from this decision.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. There are no equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There are no risks identified.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. This project has been signed off by the PFCC. Performance of the Essex SARC is subject to a regional quarterly review meeting and is scrutinised locally through the Essex Sexual Abuse Strategic Partnership.

14. Background papers



NHSE Essex OPCC
MoU 201920.doc

14.1.

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. Stewart-Brown.....

Date: 26 June 2019.....

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

Print: A. Bennett.....

Date: 19/07/19.....

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: Jane Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 19 July 2013

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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