

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: The Children's Society – CARE project
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Essex
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £40,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to The Children's Society (East) for the continuation of the Children At Risk of Exploitation (CARE) project.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To provide a grant of £40,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund as a contribution to the costs of the running of the Essex CARE project.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The CARE project has been running in Essex for over 3 years; engaging young people at both a medium and high-risk level of child sexual exploitation (CSE) who are not engaged with statutory provision. CARE offers these individuals direct support in a trauma informed way, including early intervention activity, group work, & one-to-one therapeutic interventions.
- 3.2. In addition to the direct delivery of support services, the project aims to improve awareness of CSE issues by delivering training to professionals. The project also seeks to employ an AMBIT approach to upskill professionals already engaged with young people at risk of exploitation to improve the capacity of the sector and the sustainability of support arrangements.
- 3.3. In the first 3 years of the project support was given to over 300 individuals identified as being at risk of, or experiencing, child sexual abuse. Over the next three years The Children's Society aims to work with a further 160 young people and 80 parents/carers per annum, provide training to 100 practitioners per annum, and facilitate AMBIT training for 400 further professionals per year.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The project is funded by National Lottery Community Fund over 3 years from 2019-20. The PFCC funding will provide a service manager to support and add value to the team of National Lottery funded workers.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC has the option not to allocate this funding, but the National Lottery grant relied on match-funding, without which the project would be unable to proceed.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This project supports the police and crime plan priorities to protect children and vulnerable people from harm and to reverse the trend in serious violence.

7. Police Operational Implications

- 7.1. No operational implications.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will provide a one-off grant of £40,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to The Children's Society.

9. Legal Implications

- 9.1. The grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing and other resource implications

- 10.1. No staffing implications.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. No equality and diversity implications

12. Risks

- 12.1. There are no risks identified

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. The project reports to the Essex Safeguarding Board Child Exploitation subgroup.

14. Background documents

- 14.1. n/a

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: 6 September 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ABSON G. GRIFFIN
Date: 9th SEPTEMBER 2019

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I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J Gardner.....

Print: JANE GARDNER.....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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