

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Safer Places contract exit costs
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £11,963 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to Essex County Council as a contribution to the costs to transition from the previous domestic abuse (DA) support arrangements to the new contract from 1st April 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £11,963 to Essex County Council as a proportionate contribution to the exit arrangements to transition from the previous Safer Places DA support contract to the new Ending Violence in Essex (EViE) consortium arrangements which commenced in April 2019.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This funding ensured that victims were provided with ongoing support while new operating arrangements were implemented for domestic abuse support services in April 2019. In order to ensure there were no gaps in support provision for existing clients, or risky and disruptive transfers to new services, this funding helped to cover the costs for Safer Places to continue to provide support for clients for up to 3 months from contract closure while any new clients were referred into the new EViE arrangements.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. It is recognised that this funding means support services between the old and new providers ran concurrently for 3 months. This decision was based on a balancing of the financial cost against the risk of withdrawing support or transferring potentially vulnerable clients to new support arrangements, which often leads to disengagement or regression of an individual's recovery journey.
- 4.2. This decision sheet follows the implications outlined and approved in decision sheet 077/19 which identified the requirement for some transition costs from the previous contract to the new support arrangements. This decision sheet provides more detail of those costs which were not known at the time. Decision sheet 077/19 stated that anticipated costs would not exceed £86,000. Following the identification of the cohort receiving support, and the nature and complexity of those support arrangements, commissioners undertook negotiations with the provider which resulted in total costs for transition being agreed at £88,026.
- 4.3. The total cost of Safer Places' transition arrangements was £88,026. £48,123 of this cost was met by year 1 savings in the new support arrangements leaving a shortfall of £39,903. Essex CC contributed £27,940 and the PFCC the remaining £11,963.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC could have chosen not to invest in transition arrangements, but that would have risked leaving victims with either no support, or a requirement to transfer to new arrangements. This was considered too disruptive to clients and had the potential to lead to victim disengagement or to interrupt their recovery journey.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding supports the priorities to break the cycle of domestic abuse, and to protect children and vulnerable people from harm. It also ensures victims are at the heart of the criminal justice system.

7. Police Operational Implications

- 7.1. No direct operational impact of this funding.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £11,963 from the 2019-20 Victims' Commissioning Fund to Essex County Council.

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

10.1. This funding supported Safer Places to fund additional staff time following the conclusion of their support contract with ECC & the PFCC. There are no liabilities on ECC or the PFCC for ongoing costs associated with this activity.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

12.1. There are no risks identified


13. Governance Boards

13.1. This decision has been discussed at the partnership DA development group which reports into the Strategic SETDA Board.

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 .

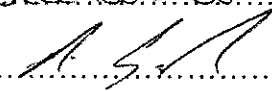
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Date: 18 December 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

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Date: 19/12/19

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