

PFCC Decision Report

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| Report reference number: 172/19 |
| Classification Not protectively marked |
| Title of report: Stop Hate UK support line 2020 |
| Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide |
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £22,500 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant to Stop Hate UK for the provision of the Essex hate crime support service.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the PFCC approves the allocation of £22,500 to Stop Hate UK for the renewal of the Essex hate crime support service from December 2019 to December 2020.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. Stop Hate UK is a specialist hate crime support service provider. The organisation provides emotional support as well as advice and information on staying safe in the home or in the community. Stop Hate UK will also help victims of hate crime or hate incidents with advice on how to navigate the criminal justice system as well as how to hold statutory and other bodies to account. The support line can also provide advice and information to professionals, including police officers and staff, in how to deal with hate crimes or incidents.
- 3.2. Stop Hate UK will provide:
 - A free 24 hour helpline for victims and witnesses of hate crime, to provide independent support and advice

- Access to resources to assist with the promotion of hate crime reporting and general awareness raising
- Quarterly monitoring reports to show usage of the service, identify trends and patterns, and to inform evidence-based commissioning decisions
- Access to support and information on hate crime for local service providers
- Use of Stop Hate branding to demonstrate commitment to an independent hate crime service.

3.3. The support line has been operating in Essex for a number of years and the phone number is included on partnership resources, providing a single point of contact for anyone wanting to access information or support about hate crime.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. The 24 hour independent reporting and support helpline provided by Stop Hate UK covers all the currently monitored strands of hate crime and was established as part of a direct response to Recommendation 16 of the MacPherson Inquiry. The five currently monitored strands are:

- Disability
- Gender Identity
- Race
- Religion, Faith or Belief, and
- Sexual Orientation

4.2. This helpline supplements existing partnership activity around hate crime including the employment of a partnership co-ordinator and the Hate Incident Reporting Centre (HIRC) network of local support locations. The reporting line will be performance managed by the partnership coordinator and will feed back information to the countywide Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership (SHCPP).

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. The PFCC could chose not to invest in this service but that would mean there would be no specialist support available to victims of hate crime in Essex, and would reduce the resources available to victims and professionals around hate crime. Stop Hate UK is the pre-eminent provider of specialist support services for victims of hate crime in the UK.

6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1. This service will enable the PFCC to deliver against the priority in the Police and Crime Plan to place victims at the heart of the criminal justice system and to protect vulnerable people from harm.

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 £22,500 from the 2019-20 Victims' Commissioning Fund to Stop Hate UK

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. No staffing implications

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. This service seeks to provide support for those targeted as a result of their protected characteristics. The service seeks to reach out to support individuals, and encourages referrals from statutory agencies such as police and other victim support providers. Demographic information is sought from those engaging with the service and is monitored to measure the effectiveness of reaching out to all victims.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There are no risks identified

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. This decision has been discussed with the partnership coordinator and is supported by the Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership (SHCPP).

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. BEAST-SHEENISS
Date: 23 DECEMBER 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ASSEN GUN
Date: 24/12/19

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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: 24 December 2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed:

