

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Basildon Mental Health Hub 2020-21
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Basildon and Brentwood
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of a one-off grant of £20,000 from the PFCC's 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to Basildon and Brentwood CCG as a contribution toward the cost of the Basildon mental health hub.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £20,000 to Basildon and Brentwood CCG as a contribution toward the cost of the Basildon mental health hub.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will contribute to the continuation of the mental health and wellbeing hub in Basildon. The aims of the service are to:

- Improve health and wellbeing, and reduce dependence on health services
- Reduce social isolation and increase personal confidence and resilience
- Reduce poverty
- Avoid homelessness
- Avoid benefits sanction
- Reduce anxiety due to unmanageable debt
- Reduce risk of offending or becoming a victim of crime
- Avoid dismissal from employment

- 3.2. The overarching aim of the Wellbeing Hub, incorporating the Community Shop/Café, is to improve the health and wellbeing of people with mental ill health

in the Basildon and Brentwood CCG area by making more efficient use of the existing statutory and community services. The recipients of the service will be local residents aged 18+ suffering from mental ill health.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. This decision sheet follows the previously approved PFCC 101/18 which outlined the concept of the Hub and made the case for PFCC investment. Since that decision sheet was signed the project has been delayed so the 2020-21 contribution is the first full year of the project, which went live in January 2020.
- 4.2. Match-funding is provided by Essex County Council and Basildon and Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group, reflecting the fact that this project will deliver a range of outcomes including improved mental health, self-resilience, self-confidence, and improved provision for victims and offenders of crime.
- 4.3. This Hub is modelled on the successful example operating in Tendring, part-funded by the PFCC, and provides non-clinical holistic assessments to Basildon and Brentwood residents aged 18+ suffering from mental ill health. The hub acts as a point of referral for individual service users, statutory, and voluntary sector partners. The Wellbeing Hub's aim is to provide an effective opportunity for early intervention to prevent homelessness, escalation of unmanageable debt, loss of benefits and benefit sanctions, dismissal from employment, crime and breakdown of relationships. The key is to ensure that, without clinical interventions, people keep resilient, resolving their problems at an early stage and preventing them from descending into crisis, preventing deterioration of mental health.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC may choose not to invest in this partnership venture but that would risk destabilising the partnership and might result in the project being scaled down or being withdrawn completely which would have obvious negative impacts on outcomes for individuals in need, and the wider community.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding will protect vulnerable people from harm, may improve reoffending rates, break the cycle of domestic abuse, and could help to crack down on anti-social behaviour. It is a good example of collaborative commissioning and partnership working between local commissioners.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. No direct operational implications

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will provide a one-off grant to the value of £20,000 from the 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to Basildon and Brentwood CCG. There is the possibility that funding will be requested beyond the end of this grant agreement

but that would be subject to successful monitoring of the outcomes of this model and a further decision sheet.

9. Legal implications

9.1. This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreements.

10. Staffing implications

10.1. The use of this funding to employ staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the host organisation. No liabilities, immediate or ongoing, will be placed on the PFCC as a result of this funding.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. This project specifically seeks to ensure that those individuals with mental health or other issues that may limit their fair and equal access to support are offered access to available pathways. The project provides a physical location that will seek to ensure easy and equal access and engagement of all individuals.

12. Risks

12.1. There are no direct risks associated with this funding.

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This funding is not specifically discussed at any PFCC boards but is featured at the integrated health and justice commissioning group.

14. Background Papers

Decision report 101/18

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:



Print: P.Brent-Isherwood

Date: 24 March 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: N/A – Below the threshold requiring

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Date:

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 25 March 2020

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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