

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Goodman project 2020-21
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of a one-off grant of £70,000 from the PFCC's 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to Essex Youth Service to deliver the Goodman early intervention domestic abuse project.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £70,000 to Essex Youth Service to continue to deliver domestic abuse perpetrator services in 2020-21.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will support the continuation of the Goodman project that Essex Youth Service has been delivering since 2017.
- 3.2. Goodman is a 5-week male mentoring programme for boys and young men (13-18) at risk of entering into an abusive relationship, or currently experiencing such abuse. The sessions can be delivered in group work or 1:1 depending on need.
- 3.3. The project seeks to educate young people about the value of respect and the characteristics of healthy relationships. The intervention equips young men with the necessary skills to develop and maintain healthy relationships. Working with schools, the programme targets abusive behaviours and supports schools and professionals in dealing with concerning behaviours. In 2020-21 the service is expanding to work with young girls (the Sisters in Strength project). So far, Goodman has delivered positive outcomes for 342 boys engaged with the

project. 72% of boys reported a better understanding of relationships and 63% reported being more mindful of their behaviour.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The Goodman project began in 2017 with funding from the Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Transformation Fund. This funding ends in March 2020 but the project has shown good results and it has been recommended for continuation by the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board.
- 4.2. PFCC funding for DA perpetrator work is pooled with contributions from Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC may choose not to invest in this project, but that would result in the service ending in March 2020, which would eliminate the positive work the project has been delivering as an early intervention response to individuals at risk of becoming perpetrators of abuse.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding will protect vulnerable people from harm, may improve reoffending rates, and break the cycle of domestic abuse. 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 £70,000 from the 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to Essex Youth Service. The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board is exploring options for a more formal, long-term contracting arrangement for DA perpetrator services from April 2021.

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 is 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 is restricted to males between the ages of 13-18. The new Sisters in Strength project which launches in March 2020 will be available to girls and young women in the same age range.
- 11.2. The projects rely on referrals to the Youth Service from schools. The Youth Service will monitor and report on key demographic information of participants, and our expectation is that the project will engage a representative range of individuals from the school cohort. This is referenced in the grant agreement and will be monitored through performance reviews.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There is a risk that individuals engaged on the programme will feel labelled or profiled as a perpetrator of abuse. This is mitigated by identifying participants as ambassadors within their school and leave a legacy for future year groups.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. The proposal to continue supporting this project was approved by the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board on 20th November 2019.

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: 26 March 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: N/A – Below the threshold for CFO

Print: approval

Date:

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 
Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 27 March 2020

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: