

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 056/20
<b>Classification:</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Brake and Unseen UK national helplines
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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### 1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for the allocation of a total of £16,000 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grants from the 2020-21 Victims Fund to Unseen UK, which delivers the Modern Slavery Helpline, and Brake, which provides support to victims of road traffic incidents.

### 2. Recommendations

To approve the allocation of £8,000 to Unseen UK and £8,000 to Brake from the 2020-21 Victims Fund. Funding will be utilised by both organisations to support their national helplines that provide support services to victims of crime in Essex.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

Unseen UK:

- The modern slavery helpline is heavily promoted in Essex and is available to victims 24/7
- Has supported 80 victims in 2019/20
- Is available as a source of information for communities and provides promotional activity that has been used by community partnership groups such as the Southend Against Modern Slavery Partnership
- Being a national organisation, it has the advantage of providing intelligence and oversight to local police forces

## Brake – Support for road crash victims

- Brake anticipates that its helpline provides around £3,000 per case in cost avoidance for Police and significantly more for wider public services
- In 2019/20, 35 Essex residents were supported. There has been over 200 communications between Brake support staff and the 35 individuals
- Brake provides a victim support bereavement pack that is issued by Police following every road death. This is utilised by Essex Police.

### **4. Background and proposal**

In 2019/20 the PFCC supported both organisations to the value of £8,000 for each organisation.

Unseen UK provides a 24-hour support helpline. The helpline:

- Is available to victims of modern slavery and human trafficking to seek support and guidance
- Encourages the public to report concerns of modern slavery. The helpline shares intelligence with local police forces
- Provides guidance and advice to concerned citizens on how to support victims

Brake is specialist service for people affected by road death and serious injury. The helpline is available Monday-Friday from 10am – 4pm. Brake provides:

- emotional and practical support to people affected by road crashes
- nationally accredited bereavement packs and online resources which are utilised by Essex Police

Anecdotally, through the work of community partnerships in Essex and local Essex Police teams, we have seen the positive use and seen the impact that both services have had to victims in Essex.

In order to continue to support both organisations it is proposed that funding is provided to each organisation to the value of £8,000.

### **5. Alternative options considered and rejected**

The PFCC has the option not to provide funding but this project meets Police and Crime Plan priorities and utilises expertise from organisations that nationally have a strong reputation and experience in supporting victims of specific crime types.

### **6. Police and Crime Plan**

Both services contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically:

- Unseen UK – priority 5 (tackle gangs and organised crime). Unseen UK provides support to victims of modern slavery and also provides

information to local police forces to identify perpetrators following reports to its helpline

- Brake – priority 7 (improving safety on our roads). Brake provides support to those bereaved by road crashes and those victims who have been seriously injured.

## **7. Police operational implications**

There are no operational implications, however both organisations provide information and support to policing teams in order to support victims and provide information to identify perpetrators.

## **8. Financial implications**

The PFCC will fund one-off allocations from the 2020-21 Victims Fund of:

- £8,000 to Unseen UK
- £8,000 to Brake

## **9. Legal implications**

The grants will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

## **10. Staffing implications**

No staffing implications.

## **11. Equality and Diversity implications**

No equality and diversity implications. Both helplines are accessible and available to all. Unseen UK also produces promotional material in multiple languages that communities can utilise in order to support and raise awareness amongst those who are most vulnerable.

## **12. Risks**

No risks anticipated from the continued support of these projects.

## **13. Governance Boards**

n/a

## **14. Background papers**

The PFCC supported both organisations in 2019/20 through decision sheets

- 064-19 – Brake <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/064-19-Brake-road-safety.pdf>
- 070-19 – Unseen UK <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/070-19-Modern-Slavery-Helpline.pdf>

**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: 19 June 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 23 June 2020

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

**Sign:**



Roger Hirst

**Print:** .....

**PFCC**

**Date signed: 24 June 2020**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:** .....