

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Translation of hate crime leaflets

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for the allocation of £1,102 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2020-21 Victims Fund to Victim Support for translation of hate crime awareness leaflets

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £1,102 to Victim Support from the 2020-21 Victims Fund in order to translate hate crime awareness leaflets.

3. Benefits of the proposal

Hate crime awareness leaflets provide valuable information on:

- What is a hate crime?
- How to report hate crime
- How to seek support

The leaflets are distributed by Essex Police Hate Crime Officers, Community Safety Partnerships, Victim Support and various boards and partnerships in Essex such as Independent Advisory Groups.

Issuing these leaflets in other languages ensures that those in communities identified as vulnerable to hate crime receive information that is accessible.

4. Background and proposal

Hate crime leaflets were redesigned in 2019 in partnership with Essex Police, Victim Support and Thurrock Community Safety Partnership to create clearer documents that contain the vital information described above.

The leaflets are given to every victim of hate crime that reports to Essex Police, as well as being distributed at community engagement events to raise vital awareness of hate crime and to encourage reporting and uptake of support services. The leaflets are also distributed by the 14 community safety partnerships in Essex, Southend and Thurrock; Victim Support; housing agencies (such as Colchester Borough Homes and Chelmer Housing Partnership) and local boards such as Independent Advisory Groups.

It has been identified that these leaflets are informative but are not fully accessible to communities that are most vulnerable to hate crime. Therefore, we have identified from crime data six languages that would have the most impact. These are:

- Polish,
- Romanian,
- Lithuanian,
- Urdu,
- Bengali and
- Braille.

Victim Support has identified Big Word to complete translation services at the cost of £1,102.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The PFCC has the option not to provide funding but this project meets the Police and Crime Plan priorities; will contribute to the strategic hate crime priorities, and meet Victims Fund grant requirements around ensuring services and support are accessible.

6. Police and Crime Plan

This proposal supports the Police and Crime Plan priority 6 (protecting children and vulnerable people from harm), specifically the commitment to respond to the needs of individuals and local communities who are vulnerable to specific crime types such as hate crime.

7. Police operational implications

There are no operational implications however the translated leaflets will be utilised by Essex Police Hate Crime Officers to support engagement with targeted communities

8. Financial implications

The PFCC will fund a one-off allocation of £1,102 from the 2020-21 Victims Fund to Victim Support.

9. Legal implications

The grant is subject to the PFCC's Standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing implications

No staffing implications.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

The leaflets are intended to improve awareness in communities that have been identified as most at risk of crime.

12. Risks

No risks anticipated

13. Governance Boards

n/a

14. Background papers

n/a

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC 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 June 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 29 June 2020

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2. Of Appendix?

YES

NO

NO

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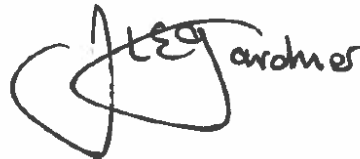
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign:



Jane Gardner

Print:

Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 1 July 2020

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign:

Print:

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: