

PFCC Decision Report

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Classification; Not protectively marked

Title of report: Children's Society CARE Manager

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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Date of report: 16 June 2020

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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £40,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to The Children's Society (East) for the continuation of the Children At Risk of Exploitation (CARE) project.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To approve a grant of £40,000 from the 2020-21 Community Safety Fund as a contribution to the costs of the running of the Essex CARE project.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. The CARE project has been running in Essex for over 4 years, engaging young people at both a medium and high-risk level of child sexual exploitation (CSE) who are not engaged with statutory provision. CARE offers these individuals direct support in a trauma informed way, including early intervention activity, group work and one-to-one therapeutic interventions.
- 3.2. In addition to the direct delivery of support services, the project aims to improve awareness of CSE issues by delivering training to professionals. The project also seeks to employ an AMBIT approach to upskill professionals already engaged with young people at risk of exploitation to improve the capacity of the sector and the sustainability of support arrangements.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund over three years from 2019-20. The PFCC funding will provide a service manager to support and add value to the team of National Lottery funded workers.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC has the option not to allocate this funding, but the National Lottery grant relied on match-funding, without which the project would be unable to proceed.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This project supports the Police and Crime Plan priorities to protect children and vulnerable people from harm and to reverse the trend in serious violence.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. No operational implications

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. Within this financial year, it is proposed to award a single grant of £40,000 to the Children's Society, Any future requests for payment will be subject to approval via the PFCC decision making process.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1 The grant will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1. There are no staffing implications for the PFCC.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. There are no equality and diversity implications. The CARE programme supports young people at risk of exploitation and is accessible to all. A full Equality Impact Assessment is attached.



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12. Risks

- 12.1. No risks are anticipated from the continued support of this project. The project has been running for a number of years and continues to demonstrate strong performance.

13. Governance Boards

n/a

14. Background papers

Equality Impact Assessment (embedded above)

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 26 August 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 2 September 2020

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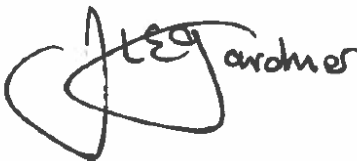
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Jane Gardner

Print:

Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 2 September 2020

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: