

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 3 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2020/21
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of **£95,155** from the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability joint Budget' to the organisations detailed in section 4.1 below for delivery against the objectives set out in the Essex V&V Work Programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of **£95,155** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will enable local partners across Essex to have a positive impact on issues relating to violence and vulnerability, including gangs, 'county lines' and child criminal exploitation.
- 3.2. This funding supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018) and agreed by the V&V Round Table, to reduce serious violence and safeguard those being exploited and at risk of exploitation through gangs and 'county lines'.
- 3.3. The funding allocations have been developed and agreed by the PFCC and key strategic partners.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations;

University of Abertay	Expert advice and research to develop a consistent and effective approach to safeguarding people at risk of being exploited or groomed by county line gangs	6,000.00
Essex County Council	Youth Service delivery of 'reachable moment' project in Basildon and Thurrock University hospital	32,500.00
Dot Com	Targeted workshop to help practitioners to use the Dot Com online resources to build resilience in children and young people aged 4 – 19.	25,000.00
Essex County Council	Communications resource, secondment to the Violence & Vulnerability Unit	12,155.00
ECVYS	Voice of Communities workstream, engagement and listening activities with forums across the county, with a focus on young people	19,500.00
		£95,155

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would reduce the likelihood of the Violence and Vulnerability Unit delivering on its work programme and the PFCC delivering on the Police and Crime Plan. We have worked with local agencies to ensure they are able to deliver on these projects.
- 5.2. When choosing these interventions, the Violence and Vulnerability Unit and Violence and Vulnerability Round Table, which is chaired by the PFCC, considered several different options. The selection above followed a careful analysis of the different interventions, the impact they would have against the strategic priorities of the group and their likelihood of success.

5.3. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.4. This funding will enable partner organisations to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, including protecting children and vulnerable people from harm and reversing the trend in serious violence.

6. Police operational implications

- 6.1. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level. There are no operational impacts of this tranche of funding on Essex Police

7. Financial implications

- 7.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£95,155** from the 2020-21 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability joint Budget' to the organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.
- 7.2. This joint budget is made up of funding the PFCC has received from the Home Office as part of our successful bid to the VRU Fund ((£1,160,000), a contribution from Essex County Council (£500,000) and investment from the

PFCC's Community Safety Fund (£200,000). In addition, in 2020/21 the PFCC has also attracted £98,101 from the Home Office Vulnerable Children (Emergency) Fund.

- 7.3. This is the third tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1. No legal implications

9. Staffing implications

- 9.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability will be placed on the PFCC or other funders as a result of this grant funding.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

- 10.1. For the activities outlined in section 4.1, we recognise that they support and are accessible to all protected characteristics but are most likely to be targeted to young people who are profiled as being those most likely to be impacted by issues relating to county lines and gangs.
- 10.2. Monitoring arrangements for these funds include the requirement to report on the number of vulnerable children supported as well as steps taken to ensure offers of support are as accessible as possible.
- 10.3. Most of the organisations listed in the table in 4.1 are subject to the public sector equality duty and will be required to consider the impact of the delivery of their activities on those with protected characteristics.

11. Risks

- 11.1. All services identified in section 4.1 have demonstrated the need and the requirement for this funding. As this is short-term funding there is a risk that it is not utilised this year meaning funding would have to be returned to contributors and opportunities to make progress against the Police and Crime Plan and V&V work plan may be missed. This is mitigated by formal funding agreements, and by ensuring organisations are aware of the restrictions on funding and are able to deliver against these. The VVU also monitors other opportunities for funding if there is any likely underspend and can seek approval from the programme's established governance structures to redeploy funding elsewhere if required.

12. Governance Boards

- 12.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Round Table and V&V Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The approaches and activities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme have been signed-off by the Strategic Executive Group and Round Table.


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.

Deputy Monitoring Officer Sign: 

Print: Darren Horsman

Date: 14 October 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: 

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 14 October 2020

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Jane Gardner

Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 14 October 2020

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