

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 012-21
<b>Classification</b> (e.g. Not protectively marked/restricted):
<b>Title of report:</b> Grant Agreement - ATOM Variation IOM 19 (02/2021) unsigned Variation IOM 19 (03/2021)
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide  Essex Police MOSOVO, C&PP
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<b>Date of report:</b> 16/02/2021
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### 1. Purpose of the report

To gain acceptance of the grant funding award for the NPCC ATOM programme, funded by the Home Office.

### 2. Recommendations

That the grant agreement, including the grant variation, is entered into and signed by the Commissioner.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

To provide Essex Police with much needed Counter Child Abuse Technology.

### 4. Background and proposal

A formal offer of grant funding for the NPCC Advanced Tools for Offenders Managers (ATOM) Programme has been approved for the financial period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

This is a one-year funding arrangement intended to make a significant impact by enabling UK territorial forces to acquire digital forensics technology and provide digital forensics technology and provide digital media investigations training to offender managers.

Cumbria PFCC are the lead authority in respect of this funding and are responsible for passporting this funding received from the Home Office to PFCC's.

Payment will only be made upon receipt of a signed grant agreement, signed by the PFCC, CFO and Chief Constable. Thereafter, a quarterly strategic report on performance and a quarterly financial report are required to be submitted.

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

The PFCC could choose not to enter into this grant, this would result in this additional funding not being available for the ATOM programme.

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

This equipment is provided to assist with Child Sexual Abuse.

The equipment supports Home Office Op ATOM's objectives as follows:

- Known/ 'managed' sex offenders breaching their sexual harm prevention order (SHPO) and licences are identified
- Decrease in the time taken to examine devices as more searches/examinations are conducted 'at scene'
- Decrease in the workload of community offender managers therefore enabling them to focus and target resources to the management of high risk registered sex offenders (RSOs) in the community with a child sexual abuse offence
- Increase in the number of visits completed by MOSOVO/POLIT teams utilising the new digital forensics capabilities
- Technical expertise of offender managers in digital media investigations is enhanced
- Improved detection and investigation efficiency

It therefore supports the Police and Crime Plan

## **7. Police operational implications**

DI Nathan Hutchinson has taken part in fortnightly meetings with Op Atom lead D/Ch/Supt Pritchard. It was agreed by DFU Head Wendy Palmer that Essex and Kent Police need higher specification laptops to cope with the rigorous processing required of these Triage Devices. In addition, write protectors were also recommended to protect forensic integrity.

DI Nathan Hutchinson has worked closely with DI Rob Cox from Kent MOSOVO to develop the triage kit as a joint Essex and Kent police venture. This triage kit by Detego will enable Officers to triage Registered Sex Offenders (RSO's) computers, tablets, storage and mobile phone to identify any illegal or concerning content. Kent and Essex have been working collaboratively with our Digital Forensics Unit, IT and Info Sec

departments to develop a bespoke MOSOVO Field Triage Kit which is hosted on the high spec laptops. The ambition is to have 10 kits per force.

Funding will also give Essex Police the ability to purchase high specification Monitoring Software for those Registered Sex Offenders who have a Sexual Harm Prevention Order to have their devices monitored. This cutting-edge technology provided by E Safe monitors both mobile phones and computers and allows Police to be alerted to any concerns.

## **8. Financial implications**

Grant funding of £122,537 will be received subject to the signing of the original grant agreement and variation (01/2021), this will be utilised for the ATOM Programme. The grant variation agreements IOM 19 (02/2021) and IOM 19 (03/2021) include an additional £47,650.90 being granted to support the purchase of 4 Extra Detego Field Triage Devices, taking the total resource capacity to 10 for Essex Force area, plus 3-year licences for software. In addition, this will fund 10 portable Ivego viewing cameras to record the triaging of devices and Training in this equipment. The total grant award is therefore £170,187.90

## **9. Legal implications**

N/A

## **10. Staffing implications**

None

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

None

## **12. Risks**

*None*

## **13. Governance Boards**

The funding agreement has been signed by the Chief Constable

## **14. Background papers**



Grant Agreement  
ATOM - Essex - IOM 1

**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 M.O.

Sign: .....

Print: Darren Horsman

Date: 3 March 2021

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: .....

Print: Julia Berry.....

Date: 3 March 2021.....

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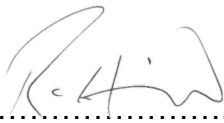
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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign:  .....

Print: Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 5 March 2021

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign: .....

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

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