

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Tendring Mental Health Hub 2021/22
Area of county/ stakeholders affected: Tendring
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of an annual grant from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund, and to endorse the signing of the partnership MoU supporting the partnership arrangements for the Tendring Mental Health Hub.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £25,000 from the 2021-22 CSF to Tendring CAB as a contribution to the continuing operation of the Tendring Mental Health Hub.
- 2.2. For the PFCC to sign the partnership MoU supporting the joint-commissioning arrangements for this project.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. The key aims of the Tendring Mental Health Hub remain to;

- reduce health and wellbeing dependency
- enhance employability of service users,
- reduce social isolation, poverty, and vulnerability, and to
- reintegrate service users into the community

In achieving these key aims it is intended that the service will provide a return on investment across public services.

- 3.2. The Hub is based within the Community Clothing Project located in Clacton-on-Sea which provides volunteering opportunities for people with mental ill health, and operates a client drop-in, advice and support service. The Hub provides a safe and supportive environment as well as volunteering opportunities for people with mental ill health which aims to reduce social isolation, and improve self-confidence, resilience and health & wellbeing. The activities support progression of volunteers into mainstream volunteering, training and employment. Additional benefits flow into the community with residents benefiting from reduced poverty, increased physical activity, take up of employment and improvements in health

and wellbeing as well as promoting community cohesion. The service has made adaptations in response to COVID-19 including undertaking risk assessments, installation of Perspex screens, social distancing, and allocation of personal protective equipment for staff, volunteers and visitors.

- 3.3. Since the start of the pandemic the Mental Health Hub has been closed to drop-in clients for advice. All Citizens Advice advisors are working remotely from their homes and taking phone calls and emails. For the first two quarters of 2020-21 CAB dealt with 191 clients over 232 contacts, representing a 52% increase in number of clients and a 33% increase in contacts compared to the previous year.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The project is match-funded by Essex County Council, North East Essex CCG and Tendring District Council. The total value of the project is £108,000p.a.
- 4.2. It is estimated that the project has the potential to achieve crime-related cost benefits of £875,904 per annum based on the Manchester New Economy Model.
- 4.3. The original funding for this project was agreed via decision 0124/17 which committed the PFCC to provide funding for 3 years. Decision sheets 030/2019, 074/2019 and 039/20 covered funding for 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 respectively. This decision sheet relates to costs for 2021-22.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC has the option not to invest in this partnership initiative, but that would risk destabilising the project and may require the scaling back of project and its potential benefits. It would be likely to have a negative impact on relations with those partners co-funding this project.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This project will support the PFCC's commitments to protect children and vulnerable people from harm, and support victims of crime. This is also a positive example of partnership working and joint commissioning.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. No direct operational implications.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will fund a one-off allocation of £25,000 from the 2021-22 Community Safety Fund to Tendring Citizens Advice Bureau.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreements. This project is also supported by a partnership memorandum of understanding (included in section 14 below).
- 9.2. The MOU has been reviewed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer who has advised the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to sign it.

10. Staffing implications

10.1. The use of this funding to employ staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the host organisation (CAB Tendring). No liabilities, immediate or ongoing, will be placed on the PFCC or partners as a result of this funding.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. The project seeks to engage and involve a diverse range of clients, volunteers, service users, and customers. The provision of a drop-in facility and private assessment/advice rooms aims to provide equality of access for anyone regardless of their need or protected characteristic. The project records, and reports on, demographic information of those that engage with the service.

12. Risks

12.1. No risks anticipated from the continued support of this partnership project

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This funding was agreed via a task and finish group consisting of members of CCG, PFCC, Tendring District Council, and Essex County Council public health. There are quarterly performance review meetings between commissioners and CAB Tendring.

14. Background papers

14.1. MoU

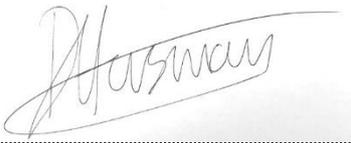


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Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DP FCC.

Chief Executive/ M.O.

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Date: 17 March 2021

Chief Finance Officer | Treasurer

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Print: Julia Berry

Date: 17 March 2021

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Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date Signed: 18 March 2021

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