

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 1 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2021/22
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of **£390,500** 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 **£390,500** 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 is part of a long-term programme and supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018) and agreed by the V&V strategic board, 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;

Essex County Council	Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital Youth Service project 2021/22 (<i>1st April to 30th September 2021, payment one of two</i>)	£70,000
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services	Localities – detached youth work in areas identified through V&V analysis	£168,000
Randstad recruitment	Evaluation and Impact Analyst costs up to 31 st March 2022	£44,500
Randstad recruitment	Project Support Officer costs up to 31 st March 2022	£33,500
Randstad recruitment	Data Scientist costs up to 31 st March 2022	£62,500
Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (Essex CRC)	Secondment of Probation Manager (1 st April to 25 th June 2021) into Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit. <i>For the period of 1st April to 25th June 2021 the Probation secondee is part of Essex CRC. From 26th June 2021 the CRC will become part of the National Probation Service (NPS) as part of the national changes to the Probation Service. This post will then move under the NPS.</i>	£12,000
Total		£390,500

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 VVU delivering on its work programme and the PFCC delivering on the Police and Crime Plan.

6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1. 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.

7. Police operational implications

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

8. Financial implications

8.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£390,500** from the 2021-22 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

8.2. 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).

8.3. This is the first tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget 2021/22' to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

9. Legal implications

9.1. No legal implications. The funding is subject to the PFCC's standard grant agreements.

10. Staffing implications

10.1. 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.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. 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.

11.2. For the interventions, monitoring arrangements for these funds include the requirement to report on the number of vulnerable children and young adults supported as well as steps taken to ensure offers of support are as accessible as possible.

11.3. 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.

12. Risks

12.1. All services identified in section 4.1 have demonstrated the need and the requirement for this funding. As this is one-year funding there is a risk that it is not utilised in 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 programme 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 implementing the V&V work programme and if there is any likely underspend it can seek approval from the programme's established governance structures to redeploy funding elsewhere if required.

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Round Table, and Violence and Vulnerability Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. A high-level proposal for 2021-22 activity was presented and agreed by the Round Table on 18th January 2021.

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.

Monitoring Officer

Sign: 

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18 March 2021

Date:

Chief Finance Officer | Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 18 March 2021

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Roger Hirst

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Date Signed: 18 March 2021

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