

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: MoJ additional victims funding – critical and male support funds
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £126,320 following a further round of Ministry of Justice funding for support services including those that support the victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The PFCC approves the distribution of this additional Ministry of Justice funding to the below organisations

Organisation	Awarded amount	
	2021-22	2022-23
Safe Steps	£17,000	£32,000
Synergy Essex (Rape Crisis Partnership)	£77,320	

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. Funding will provide additional resource for counselling and therapeutic services to support male victims of sexual violence
- 3.2. Funding will enable services to meet the continued needs of victims and ensure the services are available across Essex.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The PFCC has responsibility to commission services to support victims of crime and has placed supporting victims at the heart of the Police and Crime Plan. To

support this statutory responsibility and strategic priority the Ministry of Justice provides a Victims' grant which is used to commission domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and all other crime support services.

- 4.2. In June 2020 the Ministry of Justice launched two funds
- Critical Support Fund (for domestic abuse (DA) or sexual violence (SV) services) - The aim of this funding is to meet any exceptional or additional need that cannot be met through existing PFCC allocations
 - Male Rape Support Fund - The primary purpose of this funding is to provide specialist support to men and boys who have experienced rape or sexual abuse at any point in their life.
- 4.3. The PFCC submitted an application working with existing commissioned organisations to understand any additional anticipated funding needs and how services can better support male victims.
- 4.4. Essex PFCC was awarded funding of £126,320

Fund	Awarded amount	
	2021-22	2022-23
Critical support	£17,000	£32,000
Male Rape support	£77,320	

- 4.5. This funding will be distributed to

Organisation	Description	Awarded amount	
		2021-22	2022-23
Safe Steps	This funding will allow Safe Steps to recruit contracted additional members of staff into the COMPASS telephone support line. Currently additional staff are supported by temporary agency staff.	£17,000	£32,000
Synergy Essex (Rape Crisis Partnership)	This funding will enable Synergy to increase capacity to provide counselling and therapeutic support for men and boys reducing waiting times.	£77,320	

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC has been successful in an application to the Ministry of Justice. The only alternative would have been not to apply for the funding however the funding will bring benefits and value in order to better services for domestic abuse and sexual violence victims. Therefore, this would not have been a reasonable option.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. Victims are at the heart of the Police and Crime Plan and this funding will ensure that victims continue to be supported.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. There are no operational implications

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate £126,320 in quarterly payment to the organisations identified in section 4

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1. There are no PFCC staffing implications

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. All support services are available and accessible to all and demographic data is monitored and reported to the PFCC regularly.

- 11.2. This funding will focus on male victims who have been subject to sexual violence. This is a known cohort of individuals that are underrepresented highlighted within a recent equality impact assessment.



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12. Risks

- 12.1. The misuse of funds allocated is a risk that has been identified. Any organisation will be subject to the PFCC standard grant agreement. Regular monitoring returns will be required from all key partners to ensure funding is being used appropriately in order to deliver the project.
- 12.2. There is an additional risk that we do not distribute this funding expediently we will not meet the Ministry of Justice funding criteria to spend the resources by 31st March 2022 and 31st March 2023 respectively.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. The PFCC Senior Management Team (SMT) approved the submission and are aware of the outcome of the bidding process.

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.

Chief Executive / M.O. Sign: *D. Horsman*

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO

Date: 26.8.2021

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: *J. Berry*

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 26 August 2021

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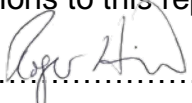
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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 1 October 2021

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: