

PFCC Decision Report

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Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

To approve the allocation of a one-off grant of £219,020 from the PFCC's 2020-21 Community Safety Fund following a recent successful application from the Home Office Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £80,000 to The Change Project.

Approve pass through funding of £139,020 to Essex County Council.

3. Benefits of the proposal

Essex PFCC and Essex County Council were successful in applying for some additional Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Funding. The purpose of the funding is to support delivery of perpetrator programmes

In Essex the funding will be used to focus on

- creating a better understanding of perpetrators within harder to reach communities
- reduce escalation of adolescent to parent violence

4. Background and proposal

Within the successful application to Home Office Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund the PFCC alongside Essex County Council committed to deliver two bespoke programmes.

4.1. *Deliver specialist Non-Violence Resistance Training (NVR) to front line practitioners to de-escalate and prevent adolescent to parent violence.*

This programme will deliver a new and unique approach to adolescent to parent violence (APV) delivering NVR training to parents and coaching for young people. NVR is an evidenced based innovative form of systemic family therapy which has been developed for aggressive, violent, controlling, and self-destructive behaviour in young people. Several recent outcome studies have shown that NVR is very effective in improving the behaviour of a large percentage of young people, reducing parents' feelings of helplessness, and raising their confidence, as well as bringing about a more peaceful atmosphere within the family.

We will develop bespoke NVR group work approaches with practitioners where parents access support at different parts of the system. NVR will also be offered to parents on a 1:1 basis where this is more appropriate to their needs. The aim of NVR is to coach parents to enable them to de-escalate violence and conflict, creating sustainability once the support has ended. The young person who is the focus of APV and potentially siblings in situ may also need support, as such, the Essex model will also offer a variety of interventions dependent on need including mentoring, diversionary activities, peer support and coaching. Recognising that both locally and nationally there is limited research and information known regarding APV, the Essex model will also include the development of a meaningful standardised risk and recording tool, which will help to build the evidence base and add value in better understanding themes and trends within this area.

4.2. *Deliver bespoke work to deliver behaviour change programmes to harder to reach communities which can include ethnicity, sexuality and we have also included some geographical rural locations*

The Change Project, a Respect accredited charity, deliver Domestic Violence Prevention Programmes (DVPP). They are behaviour change courses that aim to work with the perpetrator and their family through 1:1 or group work in order to educate and rehabilitate perpetrators and to change their abusive behaviour. We want to target these programmes to under reported cohorts from LGBTQ+ and BAME, and to reach rural communities in Essex where we know there is "hidden" and unreported need. The Change Project will work with specific/specialist voluntary and community groups and practitioners already working within these communities to raise awareness of the project.

Perpetrators, victims and their family would expect to see the following improved outcomes following the completion of DVPP course

- Reduction in physical abuse
- Reduction in sexual abuse
- Reduction in harassment and stalking
- Reduction in all jealous and controlling behaviour
- Victims and their families feel safer

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The PFCC has been successful in an application to the Home Office. The PFCC could not accept this funding however this is not recommended due to the benefits and value that this funding will bring in order to better understand the best use of interventions for domestic abuse perpetrators.

6. Police and Crime Plan

This funding will protect vulnerable people from harm and break the cycle of domestic abuse. It is a good example of collaborative commissioning and partnership working between local commissioners.

7. Police operational implications

No direct operational implications

8. Financial implications

Using funds that have been awarded from the Home Office Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund, the PFCC will provide a one-off grant to the value of £80,000 to The Change Project.

The PFCC will also pass through funding to Essex County Council to the value of £139,020

9. Legal implications

This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreements.

10. Staffing implications

There are no staffing implications

11. Equality and Diversity implications

Over the next 12 months it is the ambition of the SETDAB partnership to understand the profile of DA perpetrators across Essex. Typically, the demographic data shows that The Change Project predominantly support white males aged between 18 and 44. This is in line with the current view of DA perpetrators in Essex. However, this area of work is largely unknown.

This funding has been specifically awarded to understand better DA perpetrators within harder to reach communities which can include ethnicity, sexuality and we have also included some geographical rural locations. Using this data and the data being reviewed by Essex Centre for Data Analytics we are hoping to have a much better understanding of the demographic of DA perpetrators across Essex. This will allow for better targeted support services to meet the demands and needs of all that require support.

12. Risks

It is recognised that working with perpetrators of Domestic Abuse can increase risk of harm to victims. This is mitigated by risk assessments carried out by the

Change Project prior to engagement and is reviewed regularly whilst working with clients.

13. Governance Boards

14. Background Papers

Successful Home Office Application



Home Office DA perp
proposal v1.3.docx

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: 

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO

Date: 4.5.2021

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 4 May 2021

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 30 June 2021

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