

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Stop Hate UK hate crime service 2022
Area of county/ stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of up to £22,500 funding to Stop Hate UK for the delivery of an Essex hate crime information and support service for 2022.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of up to £22,500 to Stop Hate UK for the Essex hate crime support service from January to December 2022, with a mid-point review before June 2022.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. Stop Hate UK is a specialist hate crime support service provider. The Essex service incorporates an advice and information helpline which can also provide emotional support to victims of hate crime. The service provides help on staying safe in the home or in the community. Stop Hate UK will also help victims of hate crime or hate incidents with advice on how to navigate the criminal justice system as well as how to hold statutory and other bodies to account. The support line can also provide advice and information to professionals, including police officers and staff in how to deal with hate crimes or incidents.
- 3.2. The support line has been operating in Essex for a number of years and the phone number is included on partnership resources providing a point of contact for anyone wanting to access information or support about hate crime.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. Stop Hate UK is a specialist agency providing tools, training, awareness and support for victims of Hate Crime and practitioners looking to prevent or raise awareness. The 24-hour independent reporting and support helpline provided by Stop Hate UK covers all the currently monitored strands of hate crime and was

established as part of a direct response to Recommendation 16 of the [MacPherson Inquiry](#)¹.

“All possible steps should be taken by Police Services at local level in consultation with local Government and other agencies and local communities to encourage the reporting of racist incidents and crimes. This should include:

- the ability to report at locations other than police stations; and*
- the ability to report 24 hours a day.”*

- 4.2. The PFCC has funded Stop Hate UK since 2016/17.
- 4.3. This helpline supplements existing hate crime partnership activity including the local Hate Incident Reporting Centre (HIRC) network of local support locations.
- 4.4. It is proposed to allocate up to £22,500 to Stop Hate UK in order to provide;
 - A free, 24-hour helpline, for victims and witnesses of hate crime, to provide independent support and advice
 - Access to resources to assist with the promotion of hate crime reporting and general awareness raising which includes 1-hour training sessions.
 - Quarterly monitoring reports to show usage of the service, identify trends and patterns, and to inform evidence-based commissioning decisions
 - Work collaboratively with the Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership and Hate Crime Incident Reporting Centres (HIRCs) to have 24-hour support available
 - Use of Stop Hate branding to demonstrate commitment to an independent hate crime service.
 - Support Essex Police and victims of hate crime to remove hate material from internet sites

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC has the opportunity to decommission the Stop Hate UK service but this is currently the only specialist support service available to victims and professionals. A previous review into the effectiveness of Stop Hate UK showed that the majority of reports came outside business hours demonstrating the need for a service that operates during these times. If the PFCC chooses not to support Stop Hate UK it will leave a gap in specialist services for victims of hate crime
- 5.2. Conversations are ongoing within the Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership about the best options for utilising partnership resources, including PFCC funding, for the benefit of victims of hate crime and other stakeholders. A mid-year review is scheduled for this service which will consider these issues.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding will enable the PFCC and partner organisations to improve support victims of crime, protect vulnerable people and prevent business and cyber crime.

¹https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/277111/4262.pdf

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. There are no direct operational implications, however, the work of Stop Hate UK complements Essex Police's response to tackling hate crime.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate an annual grant of up to £22,500 from the Community Safety Fund to Stop Hate UK. The payments will be made 6-monthly to allow a review at the mid-year point.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreement.

10. Staffing implications

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

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. Stop Hate UK is accessible to all and its purpose is to support those that have received hate against a person's identify and protected characteristics.

- 11.2. The PFCC will use monitoring information as well as receiving contributions from Stop Hate UK through the SHCPP to understand the profile of hate crime and abuse, and use that intelligence to inform decisions on resource allocation and prioritisation of other projects.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There is a risk that PFCC funding is not effectively used to support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. It is expected that our proposed monitoring arrangements will be appropriate mitigation to prevent this risk occurring.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. This approach has been developed with key strategic partners from the Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership. The SHCPP reports into Safer Essex.

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: 8/3/2022

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: Janet Perry

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 3 May 2022

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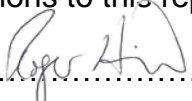
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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 4 May 2022

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: