

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Tendring Mental Health Hub Funding 2022/3
Area of the 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) supporting the partnership arrangements for the Tendring Mental Health Hub.

2. Recommendations

That the PFCC:

- 2.1. Approves the allocation of £25,000 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund to Citizens Advice Bureau Tendring as a contribution to the continuing operation of the Tendring Mental Health Hub.
- 2.2. Signs the partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) supporting the joint commissioning arrangements for this project.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. In partnership with Essex County Council, the North-East Essex CCG and Tendring District Council, the PFCC has been funding the Tendring Mental Health Hub since 2017-18.
- 3.2. The key aims of the Tendring Mental Health Hub remain to:

- improve health and wellbeing and reduce dependence on health services;
- enhance the 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.

- 3.3. 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, health and 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.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. The project works with ex-offenders, giving them the opportunity to gain new skills and find a route to employment and also supports victims of crime, or individuals vulnerable to becoming victims, by improving their personal resilience.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The project is match-funded by Essex County Council, the North-East Essex CCG and Tendring District Council. The NEE CCG undertakes the lead role in terms of providing a main point of contact and interface for partners and with the Hub and co-ordinating reporting.
- 4.2. The total value of the project is £108,000 p.a. 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 124/17 which committed the PFCC to providing funding for an initial three years. Decisions 030/19, 074/19, 039/20 and 037/21 covered funding for 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively. This decision report relates to costs for 2022-23.

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 the project and its potential benefits. It would also 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 encourage volunteers and community support and protect vulnerable people. This is also a positive example of collaboration, partnership working and joint commissioning.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. No direct operational implications arise for the police from this decision report.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will fund a one-off allocation of £25,000 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund to Tendring Citizens Advice Bureau.
- 8.2. The contributions of the other funding partners are set out in Schedule 2 to the grant agreement.
- 8.3. Additional funding contributions will be derived from the associated charity shop and the CAB.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreement.
- 9.2. This project is also supported by a partnership Memorandum of Understanding (included for signature at section 14 below)

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 staffing 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 aged 18 and over. The provision of a drop-in facility and private assessment / advice rooms aims to provide equality of access for anyone regardless of their needs or any protected characteristics. The project records, and reports on, the demographic information of those that engage with the service.
- 11.2. The associated grant agreement requires the recipient to perform the project in compliance with all applicable equalities legislation.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There are 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 representatives of the North-East Essex CCG, the PFCC, Tendring District Council, and Essex County Council's Public Health team.
- 13.2. Quarterly performance review meetings take place between the commissioners and CAB Tendring.

14. Background papers

- 14.1. MoU



Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive/ M.O.

Sign:  _____

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood _____

Date: 28 April 2022 _____

Chief Finance Officer | Treasurer

Sign:  _____

Print: JANET PERRY _____

Date: 3 May 2022 _____

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Sign:  _____

Print: Roger Hirst _____

PFCC

Date Signed: 4 May 2022 _____

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

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